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PSL BANS US!

By LAURIE SCHWAB
"Soccer Action"
editor

The Philips Soccer League has black-banned "Soccer Action" because we dare to use names like Hellas and JUST.

In a move that amounts to the book-burning and witch-hunts of the Dark Ages, the PSL management committee has...

"Resolved that Melbourne-based member clubs be directed to take such action necessary to prevent the sale of this publication on playing fields under their control."

We quote from a PSL letter dated April 30 and signed by the secretary, Paul Kemp.

The letter makes it clear the PSL no longer supports "Soccer Action" in any way, because "Soccer Action" continues to refer to our (PSL) member clubs by their former ethnic names, i.e. JUST, Hellas etc...

Perhaps the PSL should also ban most spectators as well because they too use such names, and this newspaper always has been there to cater to the spectators out there on the terraces, the spectators with whom the PSL hierarchy rapidly is losing touch.

Will foreign Press and radio get the boot as well?

The PSL management committee made its decision in the absence of Victorian member Jim Mangopoulos who almost certainly would have opposed it.

The moral aspect of the PSL's attitude is what causes the greatest concern. In saying "do as we say or we'll get at you," the Philips Soccer League of Australia has in my opinion set an all-time low in public relations.

Yet "Soccer Action" has supported and promoted the PSL since its inception. We have devoted a huge amount of editorial space to building up a glamorous image for the league by developing "stars." We have covered all matches in detail, we have regularly provided the valuable service of running the year's fixtures over a doublepage.

Moreover, through the generous sponsorship of Yugoslav Airlines and its Victoria manager Rade Milanovic, we have provided the richest best player award available to PSL

stars — a return trip for two to Europe.

Konstantine Jewellery has provided prizes for the goalkeeper of the year, and we've had valuable awards for the top scorer and best under 21 player.

We've run photographs galore of PSL action and PSL stars and we've provided comprehensive statistics on the league and on the players over these past four and a half years.

Yet the Philips League chooses to black-ban us over calling South Melbourne Hellas and Footscray JUST.

Heavens, we've been known even to mention Makedonia!

We've also mentioned the Adelaide Giants, or the West Adelaide, er... Hawks... and Marconi and Marconi Datsun, and Hakoah Eastern Suburbs and then Sydney City, even Slickers... and Gladiators... and

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Ilija Petkovic scores the eighth of nine goals Yugoslavia netted against Zaire in the 1974 World Cup finals in West Germany.

Petkovic v. Fashanu: clash of the giants

Ilija Petkovic v. Justin Fashanu — that's the treat awaiting soccer fans at Schintler Reserve in Footscray on May 31.

Petkovic, 35, one of the finest players to come to Australia, is due to join Footscray J.U.S.T. within a fortnight for six guest games.

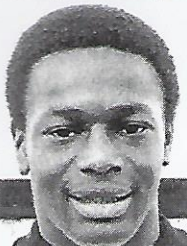
And Fashanu, the big, black goal machine from Norwich City will join my club, Blacktown City, next month.

Blacktown and Footscray clash on May 31 and it's likely the comparative form of these two superstars will determine the outcome of the match — a match that should draw a tremendous crowd.

Petkovic, a former Yugoslav national team captain who has played at least 50 times for his country, is still a top player despite his age. In fact he is captain of OFK Belgrade, the club that gave Footscray such stars as Tommy Stankovic, Branko Buijevic, Slobodan Zorajic, Milos Adamovic, Doug Utjesenovic, Vero Mladenovic and Milan Mihailovic.

Previously a winger, Petkovic now plays mainly in midfield — and as a midfielder, his guidance will be of enormous value to Footscray's younger players.

I understand Footscray will pay Petkovic about \$500 a game plus all accommodation and travelling expenses. I'm sure the club will get value for money.



Justin Fashanu: joining Blacktown

Petkovic's finest game for Yugoslavia probably was a 5-1 victory over France in a quarter-final of the European championship in 1967. He scored two of the goals. In the championship final, Yugoslavia and Italy drew 1-1. Petkovic was injured and could not play in the replay, which Italy won 2-0.

If winger Zdravko Lujic is back in time to partner Petkovic, Footscray should have quite a formidable team, at least for the duration of that partnership.

But even those two won't bother Justin Fashanu, who showed his value as a goalscorer and attack-

ing playmaker while he guested with my former club, Adelaide City, last year.

Since going back home to England from Adelaide, Fashanu has been the target of offers from Leeds United, Arsenal and Nottingham Forest.

Transfer fees as high as \$5 million have been quoted.

But so far Fashanu has remained loyal to Norwich City where he is top-scorer. For the early part of the season, he was even top scorer of the First Division.

He has agreed to make his services available free of charge for junior coaching clinics in the Blacktown, Seven Hills, Baulkham Hills area, just as he did valuable youth coaching work in Adelaide.

No need to say I am delighted to have him back. I'm sure he will greatly boost Blacktown's on-field performances as well as add a touch of glamour to the Philips League competition.

Let's hope some of the other clubs also manage to get a few guest players to brighten up the league.

Marconi is trying hard to get someone from Italy,

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Western Suburbs v Makedonia big Cup clash

The first main round of the 1981 Victorian Dockerty Cup will be played on the following dates and venues:

SATURDAY MAY 16

At Centenary Park: Doveton v Mornington, Frankston City v Keysborough.

At Olympic Park: Juventus v Keilor-Austria, Essendon Croatia v Melbourne.

At Chaplin Reserve: Western Suburbs v Makedonia, Sunshine City v Footscray JUST.

At John Cain Reserve: Slavia v Fawkner, Northcote City v Altona Gate.

SUNDAY MAY 17

At Jubilee Park: Croydon City v Werribee, Ringwood City v Springfield City.

At Middle Park: Box Hill v Morwell Falcons, Hakoah v Frankston Pines.

At Green Gully: George Cross v Kew Park Rangers, Green Gully v Albion Rovers.

At Kim Reserve: Polonia v Coburg, Altona City v Prahran City.

The second round of the Harry Armstrong Reserve Cup will be played on the following dates:

SATURDAY MAY 16

Green Gully v Heidelberg United, Kew Park Rangers v Slavia, Ardeer v Albion Rovers, Frankston Pines v Croydon City.

SUNDAY MAY 17

Moorabbin City v Port Melbourne, Western Suburbs v Eltham, Austria v Frankston City, Hakoah v Juventus (K.O. 1 pm)

ENGLISH SCENE

If Grimsby Town wins promotion to the First Division it will become the first team ever in England to have jumped from the Fourth Division to the First in successive seasons. And with most of the players who were with them in the Fourth Division into the bargain. One exception being Trevor Whymark, the ex-Liverpool and Vancouver striker whose transfer fee of \$150,000 amounts to twice the total cash for the rest of the side. Eastern Airways have offered to fly Grimsby Town to all long distance away matches next year... if it wins promotion to the First Division.

Derek Barron seeks club

Former George Cross defender Derek Barron has been unable to settle down in Brisbane and is keen to move back to Melbourne.

Barron is with Grange Thistle, which has won the past two championships in the Queensland State League. He is available on a transfer fee of \$2000 and can be contacted at work on Brisbane 527333.

Papasavas: where

I'd rather keep 20,000 Greeks happy than please 500 non-Greeks

Sam Papasavas, 40, in his 10th year as president of Victoria's biggest club, South Melbourne Hellas, has proven himself to be one of the most capable administrators in soccer — not only at club level but also as a former chairman of the Philips League and a former board member of the Victorian Soccer Federation.

Mr. Papasavas, also a Melbourne City councillor, always has been strong enough to say it as he sees it — a quality that has not endeared him to some others in the power game.

In this interview with "Soccer Action" editor LAURIE SCHWAB, Mr. Papasavas pinpoints what he sees as the problems facing Australian soccer.

He discusses whether we can overcome the problems, he talks about the successes and failures of South Melbourne Hellas, about players and coaches, about the financial problems facing all clubs...

SCHWAB: Hellas made many recruiting mistakes in the first few years of the Philips League. Have these mistakes led to a new policy on recruiting?

PAPASAVAS: Our first mistake, in 1976-77 was signing top-line State League players who proved to be not of a sufficiently high standard. As a result we finished 11th in the first year of the PSL. At the end of that year we appointed Dave MacLaren as coach and he signed players like Stuart Baxter, George Campbell, Alan Evans, Frank Munro, Sammy Wright, Bertie Lutton and John Hansen. That was OK and we finished third. We got a few more from overseas the following year.

Ken Drakeford and Tony Turner for example, and we signed Steve Carr from Green Gully Ajax. But the loss of three points over the Turner affair (he hadn't been registered properly) and other problems wrecked morale and we finished dead last in 1979. With the benefit of hindsight, I'd say we had a few players who were unsettled in their personal lives and who didn't want to make their permanent home here. In other words they lacked motivation and loyalty. Having finished last in 1979, we decided our future lies in proven players whom we know, who live here permanently and who would be loyal to the club. So in 1980 we persuaded Billy Rogers and Arthur Xanthopoulos to come out of retirement and we bought two well-established local players, Branko Buljevic from Heidelberg and Vince Bannon from Frankston. This approach resulted in us finishing third in 1980. This year we decided to retain all our players and get two top-class additions to strengthen our midfield. First we went for Sydney

City's John Stevenson who was well-known to us, and after trying unsuccessfully to sign other locals — like Eddie Krncevic or Mark Jankovic — we looked overseas and came up with Jim Shirra from Dundee. He was recommended to us by Vince Bannon's brother Emmott, who is a top player in Scotland, and we valued that recommendation sufficiently to sign Shirra, who of course has justified our confidence in him.

SCHWAB: Traditionally, Hellas has concentrated on signing only players with big reputations established through the Press...

PAPASAVAS: There's always less risk involved in doing that, in getting these big-name players. Also, the name players attract media attention which helps promote the club.

SCHWAB: Nottingham Forest chairman Geoffrey Macpherson commented to me during his visit last year that Forest did not bother any more with players who cost less than a million pounds. Is Hellas becoming the Nottingham Forest of Australia in this regard?

PAPASAVAS: On scale, I suppose you could say that. We take the name players and we pay the price tag. Historically, we always have bought top players — we bought Jim Armstrong from Hakoah and Steve Walker from Lions in the late sixties, and these two made us a top team for quite a few years.

SCHWAB: I and many others thought it was a bad decision to axe Walker and Armstrong when the Philips League started — ostensibly because they were too old. Do you regret that decision now?

PAPASAVAS: It was a decision I had little to do with. I agree that the coach at that time (Manny Poulakakis) made a premature decision. The departure of Armstrong and Walker was one of the reasons that it took us so long to get back to the top, for suddenly we had lost the heart of the team. Not only Armstrong and Walker. We lost Jimmy Mackay and Peter Bourne the same year. It was all the result of a practice match against

West Adelaide. We were completely unprepared for the game, West Adelaide had trained for it. We lost 4-0 and on the team's return Manny said that if we were to improve, we would have to let the older players go. We then got players like Graham French, Peter Vaughan, Anton Dosen, Ian Gibson and John Gardiner, and we showed no progress on the field. In fact it took us until 1980 to finally replace Armstrong, Walker, Bourne and Mackay with men of similar determination and loyalty. We have fallen now in Rogers, Xanthopoulos, Evans and Bannon.

SCHWAB: John Gardiner, having won two Rothmans Medals with George Cross, and having often represented Victoria, had the ability to do well with Hellas but it appeared he wasn't given enough time.

PAPASAVAS: We got him when all the others had failed. We paid Essendon Lions \$7000 and we also gave them John Kennedy and Howard Andrews in exchange, but Gardiner came at the wrong time. Morale in the team was bad, we had no permanent coach, results were going against us. As a result John couldn't produce properly, he wasn't able to show his best form and at the end of the season the feeling was he should have given more. Also, we weren't happy with his behaviour on a few occasions. He just didn't fit, although I don't deny for one minute that he was, and probably still is an exceptional player.

SCHWAB: Going into your 10th year at the Hellas helm, you are, as far as I know, the longest-serving president in the Philips League. The club has had its failures during that time but you have survived the pressure from Hellas's highly demanding fans.

PAPASAVAS: The pressures are there because Hellas has been a top club for so long that the supporters won't stand for anything less. However, in recent years I think the supporters have become more tolerant and more understanding. They could see the problems for themselves and they could see there was no easy solution. In the old days they wouldn't have accepted two losses in a row but they realise that the Philips League is very strong — much stronger than it was in the State League. In the sixties we sometimes didn't have what you would call a top team, yet we still won the championship. That doesn't happen in the Philips League.

SCHWAB: Has there ever been a challenge to your leadership?

PAPASAVAS: No, but then Hellas always has had a very stable administration. In 21 years, we have had only three presidents — Theo Marmaras who served from 1960 to 1968 and again in 1971, George Reilly who was there from 1968 to 1970 and I, who took over in 1972.

SCHWAB: Have you been disillusioned by soccer over these 10 years?

PAPASAVAS: Many times — by players, results, the frustrations that football can cause.

SCHWAB: Disillusioned enough to throw it in?

PAPASAVAS: Well, I'm not staying on forever, but I'm not quitting yet, either.

SCHWAB: What's been your greatest disappointment?

PAPASAVAS: I expected soccer to take off in a big way due to the birth of the Philips League. I looked forward to crowds of 15,000 to 20,000. But it hasn't happened. Where we are now is pretty much where we were before the PSL, although the playing standard obviously has improved tremendously.

SCHWAB: But the clubs pay for the improvement in wages and transfer fees. Can the clubs continue to pay without the appropriate return at the gate?

PAPASAVAS: We are all finding it difficult. Our income is less than our expenditure.

SCHWAB: How much less?

PAPASAVAS: At the gate we get 25% to 30% less than our expenses, and we raise the balance ourselves — with difficulty. We have to make up \$100,000 a year.

SCHWAB: The Hellas restaurant must have helped bridge the gap considerably.

PAPASAVAS: Without the restaurant we'd be out of business and we can't stop there. In the next decade, the club must embark on ground improvements of a magnitude we had never imagined.

SCHWAB: But how will you pay for it?

PAPASAVAS: We'll have to borrow.

SCHWAB: Then there's Hakoah. You share the ground, so presumably you'd expect Hakoah to share part of the expenses involved in improvements. What's the arrangement between Hellas and Hakoah at the moment?

PAPASAVAS: We're on a 21-year lease. We were on a fixed percentage of gate takings but we had that varied because of the expenditure we incurred on the ground. Now we pay a fixed rental of about \$100,000 a year, while Hakoah pays only about \$1000 a year. But look at the rentals paid by Australian Rules clubs — Carlton pays \$6000 for Princes Park, North Melbourne \$10,000 for Arden Street Oval and Richmond only \$1000 for the Punt Road Oval where it trains.

SCHWAB: Getting back to your disappointment with soccer not having taken off the way you had hoped... Are you optimistic about the future?

PAPASAVAS: Only if we get major promotion of the type and magnitude that lifted cricket. We need someone like Packer moving in and sponsoring each club to say, \$50,000. In addition, he would have to spend another couple of million in general promotion. I understand about \$5 million was spent in the first year of World Series Cricket to get it off the ground, yet it paid for itself within two years. Such a promoter obviously would make demands of us — co-operation in framing fixtures, kick-off times, names perhaps. But so what: we've already had to make many concessions with very little return.

SCHWAB: When Packer took cricket, he took the support of the Australian people. Soccer is not in that category, so where is the motivation for a money-man to promote soccer?

PAPASAVAS: Statistics show that more people are involved in soccer at junior level than in any

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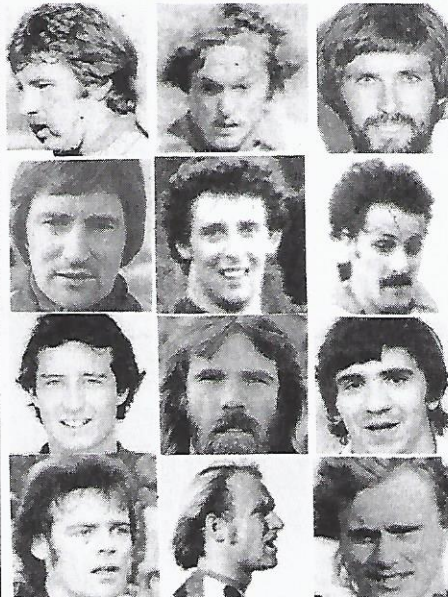
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Some of the players who have come and gone at Hellas over the past few years, from top left: Stuart Baxter, Ken Drakeford, John Gardiner, Jack Reilly, Noel Mitten, Tony Turner, Chris Kent, Ian Gibson, Anton Dosen, Frank Munro, John Hansen, Steve Carr.



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● Jim Armstrong (below) — Pappas rates him as one of Hellas's all-time greats.

Hellas the Nottingham Forest of Australia

PAPASAVAS: Look, like it or not, soccer in this country still is very much an ethnic sport. Our market is the three or four million people of ethnic origin — and that is a very big market. We are told that in future we can expect all kinds of wonderful things but while looking to the future, we haven't faced the reality of today. I have been part of it. I went along with it. I believed we ought to have made an effort to attract a new audience. But having followed that line for five years now, and having failed miserably to increase our crowds, we've got to reassess our attitude and pinpoint exactly where we are going to get our spectators from. I would rather keep 20,000 Greek happy than please 500 non-Greeks.

SCHWAB: I was rather surprised to hear Greek music being broadcast at your match against Newcastle. It seemed to be inconsistent with the previous policy.

PAPASAVAS: If our supporters want Greek music, if they want announcements in Greek as well as English, they are going to get what they want. We are there to please our customers, the same as any other business. No-one has ever complained.

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SCHWAB: The marketing push of the ASF has turned into a matter of some contention. There have been claims that the marketing campaign is unproductive, misdirected and too expensive while the marketing executives themselves say that without marketing the game cannot be popularised, and that the marketing activities so far already have paid for themselves. Give me your views on the marketing push.

PAPASAVAS: I am not aware of any marketing push. They've been at it nine months and after that time you'd think signs would begin to appear on the horizon. You should see signs of acceptance by commercial interests and the media at a level not evident before. I have seen no such signs. We approached the marketing people asking them to help us get a club sponsor. We're still waiting and we're still getting into debt. Yet as far as I know, the marketing exercise is costing us \$50,000 — practically all the money we're getting from Channel 9 in TV rights.

SCHWAB: Are you confident or pessimistic about Australia's chances of reaching the World Cup finals?

PAPASAVAS: We must all be confident. It would be a tremendous boost for the national team. We've got to cheer the team along. I'm particularly proud that Hellas has three men in the national

squad — Alan Davidson, Steve Blair and now Billy Rogers. However, I'll wait until after the New Zealand game before feeling glum or hopeful.

SCHWAB: As a general policy, do you think the national coach should be appointed from within or from outside the country? I'm asking in defence of Rudi Gutendorf who has been criticised for his many changes in personnel — changes that probably were inevitable as he knew none of our players.

PAPASAVAS: The national coach should be the best man available at the time, be he here in Australia or overseas. If the quality is comparable, then by all means, let's have the local, for as you say the local does not have to go through the same agonies of selection.

SCHWAB: You have said often that you favor stability in club coaching, yet still you have been forced into sacking many coaches over the years. How hard is it to withstand the pressure of supporters when a coach is in the gun?

PAPASAVAS: Supporters can make life very difficult for the coach and the president but successful clubs are those that have stability in administration and coaching. We're getting there. Changing the coach usually does not solve the problem. We had three coaches in the one year — Maclaren, Duncan McKay and John Margaritis — and it made little difference. We still finished last.

SCHWAB: Your administration has grown in stature to such an extent that you can withstand more pressure than ever. Who are the other men who constitute the backbone of the club?

PAPASAVAS: Leo Anezakis has been with us for five or six years as team manager, Nick Saklidakos has been secretary for about seven years, Nick Kambouris has served quite a while, and Chris Christopher is a solid worker behind the scenes, and we have a fine treasurer in George Vass. Our management is very calculating, and it has shown ability to survive financially.

SCHWAB: Twice you experimented with full-time club managers but both experiments ended badly. Have you abandoned the idea now?

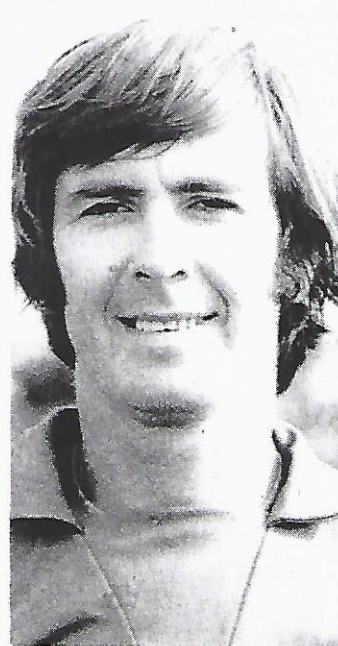
PAPASAVAS: No, not entirely, but it's not financially viable at the moment. The managers were supposed to generate money but we didn't get sufficient return.

SCHWAB: You appointed your former coach, Dave Maclaren, as marketing officer late last year. Where did that lead?

PAPASAVAS: It didn't work. He was supposed to get advertising and sponsorship for the club but he was unable to.

SCHWAB: Looking back, who have been your most memorable players over the past decade?

PAPASAVAS: Jimmy Armstrong would be No. 1, for his many goals from any angle and any distance. His achievement in overtaking Paul Murphy of George Cross in the last game of the season to win the Stage league top scorer award, was exceptional. Then there was goalkeeper Marko Fode who went 13 games without con-



ceding a goal. Since the formation of the PSL, Alun Evans has been No. 1. He's one of the best players Hellas ever has had.

SCHWAB: Why did you want to become president of Hellas?

PAPASAVAS: It was a matter of circumstances. While I was a Footscray City Councillor, I was the council's nominee to the J.U.S.T. committee from 1968 to 1969. About the same time I also took an interest in Hellas, and became gradually more involved. In 1970 I was on the Hellas committee, and when Theo Marmaras wanted to retire, he put me up as the new president and I ran unopposed. I've been unopposed ever since.

South Melbourne Hellas president Sam Pappasavas.

vement shouldn't be translated into senior soccer. The generation of today that is tolerant of the game is the generation that tomorrow will produce the new Establishment, the new leaders of government and industry. Thus involvement evolves.

SCHWAB: The biggest burden hanging over the Philips League is the high cost of air travel which can be covered only by sponsorship. Isn't such sponsorship a risky year-to-year proposition which leaves the PSL tottering on shaky foundations?

PAPASAVAS: If Philips Industries were to end their subsidy tomorrow, I feel most clubs still would want to continue for reasons of pride and ambition, we've been going on for five years, which is not really a long time. I feel the league will continue despite its difficulties.

SCHWAB: The cream of soccer has floated to the top in the PSL, while in other leagues standards and attendances have dropped. The only real exception would be the Queensland State League. If clubs outside the PSL continue to degenerate, we may run out of candidates for promotion to the PSL.

PAPASAVAS: The VFL has survived without any promotion or relegation. We do the next best thing — we have promotion and relegation on a selective basis. If we run out of new candidates, we keep the ones we have already. Hellas wasn't relegated when it finished last, and it didn't do the league any harm. Maybe the second or third or fourth division clubs of today may develop sufficiently over the years to get into the PSL. I hope so, although at the moment, I can't see it.

SCHWAB: There is so much talk about the tremendous potential support soccer has in this country, yet this talk is of little consolation to the clubs trying to pay their bills from dwindling data takings. When is all this potential going to be realised?

Stop the 'knocking'—coaches must learn from each other

A full-time Director of Coaching recently has been appointed in Tasmania. He is Steve Darby, a 26-year-old English-man, whose appointment is for three years.

Darby is well qualified for the position, both academically and in the sporting sense.

He has a Bachelor of Education degree and a teaching certificate in physical education and he holds the English FA senior coaching licence.

He is a FIFA instructor for Oceania, spent two years as assistant to Jack Mansell, national coach of Bahrain, and last year coached Devonport in the Tasmanian State League.

Devonport, a side that avoided relegation on goal difference in 1979, last season finished fourth in the State League, was semi-finalist in both the Ampol and Cadbury Cups, and won the pre-season and post-season floodlight competitions in the north.

Eight players from Devonport obtained State schoolboy representative honours.

I interviewed Steve Darby shortly after he took up his new position and asked him to outline some of his ideas and plans for the future.

Q. You're only 26 years old. Why did you turn to coaching at such a relatively young age?

A. I'd had three cartilages out at 16, while I was a youth player with an English League club, so my parents correctly advised me to go into university to become a physical education teacher. It was then that I was first introduced to coaching, by Mervyn Beck, who opened my eyes to the game. He made training very interesting.

Q. What potential does Australian soccer have?

A. There's great potential in Australian soccer. The combination of ethnic ball skills, the British attitude and Australian physique and environment must one day produce success.

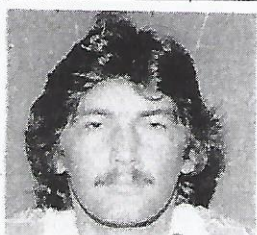
Q. Should there be co-operation between rival coaches?

A. Yes, it disgusts me when I see coaches 'knocking' each other. For example, a number of people in Tasmania seem to want Ken Morton to fail at Wollongong. This, to me, is ridiculous. I hope that Ken does a great job. He does coach. He isn't just a motivator. He did a magnificent job in Tasmania. We used to sit and exchange ideas and talk about the game for hours. This should be done far more often.

Q. Can coaches learn from each other and from others?

A. It's a dangerous man, I believe, who thinks he knows it all. You never stop learn-

By WALTER PLESS



Steve Darby, Tasmanian Director of Coaching.

ning and you can learn from anybody. You can learn from other sports too. I admire Ron Greenwood's principles and I was brought up on Bill Shankly's motivational background. I learned a great deal from Jack Mansell, who's an incredible coach. Rather than follow one man, I like to extract different pieces from different coaches. For example, there are many things I've learned from Eric Worthington. I think Len McKendry's methods are tremendous. Ronny Smith is involving many young lads and strengthening the game's base. I think it's wrong to copy one man. You should try to extract the best from each coach. I've never seen Rale Rasick work, but I've heard nothing but praise for him. I think it's a good sign that Jimmy Shoulder has got this job at Canberra (in charge of soccer at the new Sports Institute). This is a great step forward for Australian soccer and I think Jimmy will do a great job.

Q. What problems does Tasmanian soccer face?

A. The lack of quality grounds. Some of the grounds are in terrible condition. It's a very bad environment to play in and I think a lot of work should be put into developing the facilities, especially training facilities. I think the clubs should find a balance in their expenditure between the money they spend on players and wages and the money they pump back into facilities. Imported players should be used for coaching the kids. Clubs should have five-year plans rather than one-year, short-term, selfish aims.

Q. What are your priorities as Director of Coaching?

A. I see the game basically as a triangle.

ie. Kids form the base of this triangle, State League players the top. We must make the base very solid by getting more and more kids playing the game. Every person who coaches a primary or junior side should have attended a coaching course so that they have, at least, the fundamentals of the game behind them. I'd like to get more senior players involved in coaching. We've got senior players in Tasmania with English experience, players like Eric Young and Peter Brine. There are other top-class players like Tommy McKee and Wolfgang Stuetzel, who could help. The coaching system is lacking in Tasmania. I'm trying to get the top players to come back into the game at a coaching level.

Q. What about your role as a coach of coaches?

A. My role is to stimulate these people, to give them new ideas, to help them in training methods, to liaise between them. We don't want stagnation; we must keep progressing. I think it's very important that the senior players get involved because the kids have to have a model. My long-term aim over three years is to have a single primary and junior side to have a coach who has attended a basic course, and at the other extreme, every senior State League club to have a senior badge holder as coach. We're half way there now and it's my job to make sure they do this and I've the full backing of the State Federation.

Q. What is the difference between the senior and junior coaches' roles within a club?

A. Obviously, the senior coach's role, if he's taking the first team, is to win. But I think the senior should look at himself and see how he wins. He should try to do it as skilfully and attractively as possible. Anyone can 'kick' their way to a premiership and there should be no place for coaches like this. As for junior coaches, winning shouldn't be as important. The main thing should be the development of the skills, of actual ball skills and the thought of the players. The greatest indication of success in a youth program is the number of kids who get into the first team. This should be the only sign of success in a youth policy, not the number of trophies that have been won.

Q. Do you have any advice for youngsters?

A. Yes. Just play, play, play. Play in the garden, play with your dad, play with the ball in your street. We'll never recreate the British background of playing in the street because it's a different social environment in Australia. The kids must never be ashamed to be seen with a ball. They should practise with it every spare moment, that's the most important thing. Play five-a-side in the street, always play

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		W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Gls Pts
1	(1) South Melbourne	4	0	0	6	1	1	3	0	7	6	13.7 13
2	(2) Wollongong	2	2	0	7	4	1	3	0	5	2	12.6 11
3	(4) Canberra City	2	1	1	5	3	2	2	0	4	2	9.4 11
4	(8) Newcastle KB Utd	2	2	0	9	2	2	0	2	3	4	12.6 10
5	(3) Sydney City	3	1	0	8	1	1	1	2	3	5	11.6 10
6	(6) Leichhardt	1	3	0	5	4	2	1	1	5	4	10.8 10
7	(5) Brisbane City	3	1	0	7	1	0	2	2	2	5	9.6 9
8	(7) Marconi Datsun	2	1	1	3	3	2	0	3	3	9	6:12 9
9	(10) Adelaide City	2	0	2	6	5	1	2	1	7	5	13.10 8
10	(12) Brisbane Lions	2	1	1	4	3	0	2	2	4	6	8.9 7
11	(9) Preston	2	0	2	8	5	1	0	3	4	7	12:14 6
12	(15) Sydney Olympic	2	2	0	9	5	0	0	5	3	12	12:17 6
13	(13) Heidelberg Utd	2	1	2	6	7	0	1	3	4	8	10:15 6
14	(11) Blacktown	0	2	2	5	10	1	2	1	5	6	10:16 6
15	(14) West Adelaide	1	1	2	3	3	1	0	3	3	5	6:8 5
16	(16) Footscray	2	1	2	6	6	0	0	4	1	10	7:16 5

* Played one game more than the rest.

PHILIPS LEAGUE TEAM OF WEEK

In brackets — number of appearances in this team —

DANDO (1)
(Newc)

ONTONG (3) BERTOOGNA (3) de GRAFF (3) NIVEN (2)
(Bris. Lions) (Newc) (Woll) (Brisb Lions)

KATHOLOS (3) PERIN (1) RASKOPOULOS (1)
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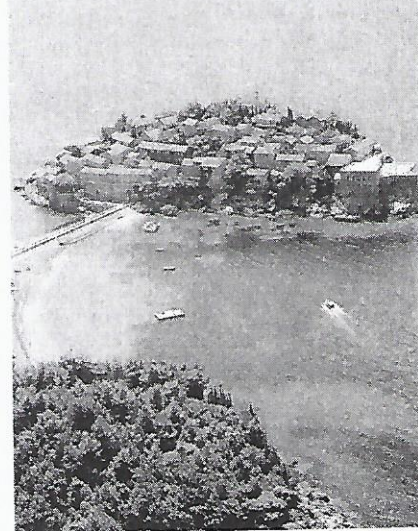
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THIS WEEK'S VOTES

BRISBANE LIONS 1 (Millman) BRISBANE CITY 0 at Rich-lands, votes by Bruce Waddell:

6. Bennett (BL), 5. Ontong (BL), 4. Dunne (BC), 3. Hermis-
ton (BL), 2. Pimblett (BC), 1. Niven (BL)

WEST ADELAIDE 0 WOLLONGONG 0 at Hindmarsh Stadium. Votes by Memo Toutoulidis:

6. de Graaf (W), 5. Crook (WA), 4. Tymczyszyn (WA), 3. Brown (WA), 2. Dunleavy (W), 1. Wright (WA)

LEICHHARDT 1 (O'Connor) SOUTH MELBOURNE 1 (E-
vans) at Lambert Park. Votes by Tom Anderson:

6. O'Connor (L), 5. Evans (SM), 4. Rogers (SM), 3. Mor-
sello (L), 2. Wilson (L), 1. Davidson (SM)

FOOTSCRAY 1 (Belic) SYDNEY CITY 0 at Schintler Reser-
ve. Votes by Dick Prendergast:

6. Boland (F), 5. Kosmina (SC), 4. Patikas (SC), 3. Kyri-
kouleas (F), 2. Barnes (SC), 1. Cozzella (F)

NEWCASTLE KB UTD 4 (Mountford, 2, Senkalski, Ber-
togna) PRESTON MAKEDONIA 0 at International Sports
Centre. Votes by Joe Lanzoni:

6. Dando (N), 5. Bertogna (N), 4. Mountford (N), 3. Ollerton
(P), 2. Buckley (N), 1. McMillan (P)

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 2 (Katholos, Cotton) MARCONI
DATSUN 0 at Prettan Park. Votes by Ted Smithies:

6. Katholos (SO), 5. Raskopoulos (SO), 4. Henderson (M), 3. Laing
(SO), 2. Cotton (SO), 1. Maher (M)

BLACKTOWN 1 (Cuk) ADELAIDE CITY 5 (Mitchell, 2, J.

Nyskohus, Russell, Northcote) at Gabbie Stadium. Votes by
Roger Sherrack:

6. Parin (AC), 5. Mitchell (AC), 4. J. Nyskohus (AC), 3.
Dods (AC), 2. Northcote (AC), 1. Jones (AC)

HEIDELBERG 1 (Taylor), Canberra 1 (John O'Shea) at
Olympic Park. Votes by Bob Brien:

6. Valeri (C), 5. Gibson (C), 4. Yzendoorn (H), 3. McMillan
(H), 2. Stark (C), 1. Tansey (C)

LEADERS:

29. Kosmina (SC).

28. Ollerton (P).

27. Ontong (BL)

26. Hermiston (BL), T. Byrne (Can)

25. Katholos (SO)

24. Evans (SM)

22. Illoski (F), Bertogna (Newc), Mitchell (AC), Bennett (BL)

21. Boland (F), P. O'Connor (L)

20. de Graaf, C. Campbell (Woll), P. Wilkinson (BC), Cullen
(P), Boden (SC).

TOP SCORERS:

6. Boden (SC)

5. O'Connor (L), Ollerton (P)

4. Mitchell (AC), Evans (SM), Valeri (Can)

3. Paton (H'berg), Cuk (Black), P. Wilkinson (BC), Christ-
opoulos (SM), Cullen (P).

READERS' FORUM

SIR — I should like to take this opportunity to congratulate Yallourn S.C. on the publication of an excellent club newsletter. However, I should also like to draw attention to the article on the necessity of being over 35 and slow to play for Morwell Falcons.

Morwell Falcons have a fortuitous blend of youth and experience. The exuberance of brilliant developers co-ordinates effectively with a remorseless core of battle-hardened veterans. Could the ensuing successes achieved be resented by someone at your club?

The aforementioned 35 year olds not probably, but do possess more skills, knowledge and of course soccer experience than your club can currently muster. Certainly, our 35 year olds, arguably, have lost a scintilla of their former blistering pace, though when it comes to reading the game they remain peerless.

Please don't let us disappear beneath a plethora of verbiage. However, perhaps if Yallourn had fielded a few slow 35 year olds with our wealth of soccer know-how in its recent encounter with Heidelberg its 3-1 lead would not have become a 4-3 loss!

Wishing Yallourn a successful season.
A slow 35 year old.
— Jimmy Armstrong

SIR — Read with interest Tom Anderson's column on violence in Rugby and especially in the Ping Pong Australian Rules game.

I hope you never let them forget that soccer is for all kids.

How can Rugby or Rules be classified as sport when life and limb is at risk every time players run onto the field?

What is sadly lacking in Melbourne is people like Tom Anderson who will make themselves heard. The V.F.L. has taken over this state and publicly makes it known it has declared war on soccer.

Alan Aylett and Jack Hamilton forever are boasting the Rules will put Rugby League and soccer out of business in Sydney.

It's up to Mr. Wran to see this never happens.

The Sydney Cricket Ground should be barred to them! They have an open go in Melbourne with an ex-V.F.L. player as Minister of Youth, Sport and Recreation — Brian Dixon.

He retained his seat by 80 votes.

As long as he is in power no way will he let soccer get its just reward.

Recently I read the huge amount Sydney Soccer received from the pools. This is unbelievable.

The V.F.L. gets a grant of \$137,000 and soccer gets \$27,000 from Victorian Soccer Pools.

The code that makes it possible props up a sport that is hostile to its existence.

It's like cricket propping up some other sport to the tune of thousands of dollars.

The V.F.L. has just disclosed that its profit for 1980 was over \$1,000,000. It's a grace when one considers the bankrupt state of soccer.

An enquiry is long overdue.

Keep up your outspoken comments Tom. Good luck — best wishes for the future.

— P. Charlesworth

SIR — I was amazed to read that Mike Johnson coaches boys of 12 years of age at 6.00 a.m.

That one of these boys travels for one hour beforehand is almost unbelievable.

What time does this boy go to bed at night, does he have time to do his school homework, time to watch a little T.V., time to chat with Mum and Dad and other members of his family?

This boy must be out of his bed by at least 4.30 a.m. What about breakfast?

Has young Craig Dye's Dad ever considered the possibility that Craig may not make it as a soccer player?

My advice to Craig and his team mates is to stay in bed until it's time for school.

After school, coaching is sufficient for boys of your age and if you have a natural talent for the great game of soccer your ability will be recognised in due course.

During school holidays why not attend a soccer camp where you will receive expert tuition from expert coaches.

I am not knocking Mike Johnson's ability as a coach.

Only his timing.

Keep at your schooling Craig. After all if you do become a famous soccer star wouldn't it be nice to be able to hold an intelligent conversation with all those nice people you meet, and what about all those after-dinner speeches and presentation nights?

All the best for your future Craig.

— Danny Collins,
15 Ainsworth Street,
Sunshine, Vic.

ENGLISH SCENE

Ron Atkinson, the West Bromwich Albion manager, wants the F.A. to pay clubs \$2000 for the use of a player for a full international. He also wants \$1000 for the clubs who have a player in a "B" international.

Southend are the first club to clinch promotion. The Seaside move up from the Fourth Division to the Third Division next season. West Ham, unless they have a total collapse, seem assured of promotion back to the First Division.



Heidelberg United welcomed its two Irish recruits last week. Pictured with coach Jimmy Rooney (left) and publicity officer Ollie Norris, they are centre back Liam Monagle (with beard) and striker Joe McGrory, both of the Finn Harps club. In a practice match against Kew Park Rangers last week, McGrory scored two goals.

Washouts, disco freaks, Rale Rasic's offside

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

South Melbourne Hellas can establish itself as firm favorite for the 1981 PSL title if it defeats fellow title contender Wollongong at Middle Park this Sunday.

Ken Morton's Marvels may be re-labelled the Wollongong Washouts by 5 pm on Sunday.

The Hellas midfield of Billy Rogers, Jim Shirra and John Stevenson is as good a combination as any in the land.

Rogers covers acres of ground and tackles fiercely. Shirra has excellent vision and disposal while Stevenson is a fine one touch player and has the knack of getting into dangerous positions up front.

Hellas full backs Vince Bannon and Alan Davidson continually surge forward out wide in support of their midfielders and front runners.

Hellas uses the narrow width of Middle Park to its fullest in an attempt to stretch the opposition at the back.

Wollongong's central defenders Brian Dunlevy and Billy de Graaf have a task of enormous magnitude. They have to subdue Alan Evans and Brank Buljevic.

With Duncan Cummings running into form the Hellas attack takes on a more lethal appearance.

I can't see Wollongong holding out.

Preston and Leichhardt clash in front of Preston's fiercely partisan crowd at Connor Reserve on Sunday.

Leichhardt is reaping the benefit of maintaining its belief in Willie Wallace's team building ability.

Last year Leichhardt struggled in midfield and front.

With Alan Hughes, Frank Leyden and Zdenko Kafka added to last year's squad the midfield looks far more accomplished.

Sebastian Giampaolo has had a meteoric rise since switching from Canberra City earlier this year.

Giampaolo has shot to prominence as a candidate for a berth in the Australian national eleven while adding bite to the Leichhardt forward thrust alongside Marshall Soper and Phil O'Connor.

Preston has had a disappointing start to its first PSL season.

The non-stop aggression and constant commitment to going forward which characterised its win in last year's Victorian State League looks to be flagging.

But I can't see this trend continuing with the quality of players at Brian Edgley's disposal.

I think Preston and Leichhardt may have to be content with sharing the spoils.

Brisbane Lions are a much better side than their place on the PSL ladder suggests.

They'll prove this by giving Sydney City a tough time at the Sydney Athletic Field on Sunday.

Led by Jim Hermiston's experience, Paul Ontong's lightning dashes upfield and Alan Niven's steadiness Lions will prove well organised at the back and the Slickers won't find it easy to break through.

Footscray J.U.S.T. is the offering for Canberra City's bumper feast at Bruce Stadium on Easter Monday.

Enough has been said about J.U.S.T.'s lack of quality players. Canberra will win.

Not so long ago Marconi at home was a fearsome opponent.

It seems that Marconi is trying to blend disco freaks with sadly out of touch players. The result is a side with an off-beat rhythm which still is in touch with a top four berth.

Even if every Marconi player gets to bed by 8 pm on match eve Heidelberg will be no pushover. A draw is on the cards.

Adelaide City can continue its rise up the ladder at the expense of visitor Newcastle this Sunday.

The City outfit is a hard nut to crack and youngsters David

Mitchell and Charlie Villani blend well with experienced players like John Perin, Bobby Russell, the Nyskohus brothers and Gary Marochi.

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The much maligned Blacktown offside trap continues to pay dividends. Many critics have spoken about ways to beat the offside trap but I've yet to read a detailed outline of these counter tactics.

And a few PSL coaches haven't been able to solve the problem so what hope have the armchair scribes?

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West's look like relegation candidates even at this early stage of the season.

IN SYDNEY

SYDNEY CITY v Brisbane Lions at Sydney Athletic Field, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous results: 1977 — SC 4-0, 2-0, 1978 — BL 3-1, 1-1, 1979 — SC 2-1, 1-1, 1980 — BL 2-0, 1-1. Advantage Sydney City 3 wins, 3 draws, 2 losses. Goals: 12:9.

MARCONI v HEIDELBERG at Marconi Stadium, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous results: 1977 — Marc 8-1, 0-0, 1978 — Marc 4-0, Heid 4-1, 1979 — Heid 4-0, 3-2, 1980 — 1-1, 0-0. Advantage Heidelberg 3 wins, 3 draws, 2 losses. Goals: 13:16.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC v West Adelaide at Pratten Park, Sunday 3 pm. Previous results: 1977 — WA 4-0, 1-0, 1978 — WA 4-2, SO 1-0, 1979 — SO 2-0, 0-0. Advantage West Adelaide 3 wins, 1 draw, 2 losses. Goals: 9:5.

IN MELBOURNE

PRESTON Makedonia v Leichhardt (draw) at Connor Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.

SOUTH MELBOURNE v Wollongong at Middle Park, Sunday 3 pm.

IN BRISBANE
Brisbane City v Blacktown (draw) at Spencer Park, Saturday 3 pm. Previous results: 1980 — BrC 3-1, 2-1.

IN ADELAIDE
Adelaide City v Newcastle (draw) at Olympic Sports Field, Sunday, 2-30 pm. Previous results: 1978 — 2-2, 1-1, 1979 — 0-0, 0-0, 1980 — Newc 3-1, 3-1. Advantage Newcastle 2 wins, 4 draws. Goals: 9:4.

IN CANBERRA

CANBERRA v Footscray at Bruce Stadium, Monday, 3 pm. Previous results: 1977 — Fots 3-0, 1-0, 1978 — Canb 2-1, 1-1, 1979 — Fots 3-0, Canb. 2-1, 1980 — Canb. 1-0, 0-0. No advantage. Goal advantage Footscray, 10:6.

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Ted Smithies

MATCH RATING: 7

tunately for them, they did nothing with them. In fact they only created one chance which was due more to the individual skill of Eddie Krncevic than anything else. After the break Olympic took up the reins and didn't give Marconi a moment's peace.

They were creating chances aplenty but for a while it looked like they were to use Tommy Docherty's words, still "goal shy."

This was never more apparent than in the 50th when Koussas got yet another chance. Would you believe he missed one from only 2m.

I'm sure he'll never know, how Maher bluffed him out of that one. Despite all the chances it was quite ironical how Olympic took the lead.

In fact I don't really agree that they deserved the free from which Katholos scored.

Jim Muir gave it away 2m outside the area and had only turned to chase a throughball and, in what appeared to be an accident, collided with an Olympic attacker.

Tony Boskovic thought differently however and Olympic got a 1-0 lead in the 71st minute.

It was then all systems go and Olympic pressed home their advantage.

Chances came thick and fast and in the 80th minute Roy Cotton slipped one past Maher after beating the offside trap.

This goal can be attributed to Paul Degney who virtually stood and waited for the whistle to call Cotton back.

Only a minute later Marconi's Housseini got his marching orders from Referee Boskovic for continued dissent.

Housseini first copped a yellow for the same offence but he didn't have the sense to keep his mouth closed and got an early march for the show-ers.

Marconi didn't look any different for being a man down and Olympic cruised home easy winners.

Katholos was easily the best player on the pitch while Peter Raskopoulos showed Marconi what could have been. For Marconi Tony Henderson was easily the best with runs on a couple of occasions which were dazzling.



Raul Blanco

This had an immediate effect and Marconi's composure increased threefold. For the remaining 15 minutes until the break they held all the cards but, unfor-



Peter Katholos



West Adelaide's Tim Brown challenges Wollongong goalkeeper Natch Vardareff at Hindmarsh — Picture by FRANK HOBBS

Mountford gets two, Preston entertains

Newcastle KB 4
Preston 0

Ground: International Sports Centre.
Weather: Fine, sunny and windless.
Cautions: McMillan (P) 40th Flavell (P) 50th.
Crowd: 4278.
Referee: Alf Rodway eight points.

NEWCASTLE KB RAIDERS: Dando 9, Reaney 8, H. Tredinnick 8, Drinkwater 8, Bertogna 3, Sumner 7, McClelland 7, Buckley 6, Kamasz 7, Mountford 8, Senkalski 7, D. Jones 7, replaced Drinkwater 68th, Stamp 7, replaced Kamasz in 75th.

PRESTON: Clayton 7, Reaney 6, Beach 6, Higham 6, Senkalski 7, Bertogna 6th, 75th Mountford.

The biggest home victory and the smallest home crowd don't usually go together, but that's what happened when these two teams met last week.

But the 4000-odd people were treated to quite an entertaining match. And for this, credit must go to the Preston team.

By choosing to play the game open they contributed to



Joe Lanzoni

MATCH RATING: 8

the spectacle of seeing two sides play open end-to-end stuff which was like a breath of fresh air by comparison with some of the dull football played in the last few matches.

Bob Mountford, scoring his first goal in PSL in the 11th minute, probably had a lot to do with opening the game up.

From a great free kick on the deep left by Tredinnick, Mountford outjumped the defence and his looping header gave goalkeeper Clayton no chance.

A few minutes later the visitors started to move the ball about nicely and although they did not create clear-cut chances they were managing to get their shots in, and a team is always in with a chance while they are having a shot.

But unfortunately for Preston they found Phil Dando the Newcastle keeper in superb touch.

Although Dando was not called on to make sensational saves, he was constantly kept occupied and handled everything that came his way with style and ease.

The half time whistle saw Newcastle quite deservedly being one up, but Phil Dando having been by far the busier goalkeeper of the two.

Summer lifted his game considerably and Buckley probably gave his best display so far.

In fact it was from one of these combinations that the locals increased their lead seven minutes after the resumption.

Summer sent Buckley away on the left with a good ball, he made ground to the byline and his cross found Senkalski who picked his spot to beat Clayton.

Preston's game deteriorated slightly after that but we had to wait only another twelve minutes for the third goal.

FINE START BY WRIGHT

West Adelaide 0
Wollongong 0

Ground: Hindmarsh Stadium.
Crowd: 3,100.
Cautions: Maricic (West) Weather: Fine
Referee: Graham Neal 8.
West Adelaide: Crook 8 - Maricic 7, Tymczyszyn 9, Topaz 7, Bozanic 7 - Boyle (McKie 7), Honeyman 7, McGeaghey 7 - Brown 8, Norris 6 (Haig), Wright 7.
Wollongong: Vardareff 6 - Willis 7 (Morton), Dunleavy 7, DeGraff 9, Ainsworth 7, McBean 7, Fleming 7, Tredinnick 7 - Jones 7, Fontana 7 (Campbell), Lathan 7.
If West Adelaide is to leap from the bottom of the Phillips League it will do so in the next few weeks.



Meno Toutsidis

MATCH RATINGS: 7

With new Scottish winger Jimmy Wright making an impressive debut, West seems poised to become a genuine threat.

But an accurate assessment cannot be made until injured trio Peter Boyle David Pillans and Manecas return, which should be this weekend. Even without these three men (Boyle played briefly but was substituted) West came close to ending Wollongong's unbeaten run.

The Kiwi launched several threatening raids in the second half as Wollongong buckled under pressure.

The situation had become so grave for the NSW team that coach Ken Morton brought himself on to lift his side.

He failed and in the process became a liability.

Morton made one shock move before the game began. He left the highly talented Clive Campbell on the bench, but brought him on in the second half.

The Kiwi striker made an immediate impact and threatened to break through on two or three occasions.

West could have clinched the match in the 60th minute when Graham Honeyman's powerful header skidded out of goalkeeper Natch Vardareff's hands and just wide of the far post.

And five minutes from the end, Tim Brown looked set to score with a header but the goalkeeper made his first genuine save of the match.

West also could have had a goal shortly before half time when Brown squared a ball into the goalmouth but Graham Norris belted the ball wide from five metres.

Wollongong, ironically, had their best chances in the second half when West was on top.

First Campbell struck a powerful shot onto Crook's knees. The ball ballooned into the air and as it came down Crook was there to grab it safely.

Later Peter Tredinnick fired a well-placed drive but Crook grabbed the ball calmly at full stretch.

Selecting the player of the match was easy. Wollongong's Billy De Graaf played extremely well and was a tower of strength in the key defensive position.

Meanwhile, West fans were delighted with 23-year-old Wright, who although not fully fit tore up the two flanks and opened the middle with some fine crosses. He will be a player to watch in the coming weeks.

Kids shine in titles

A high standard of junior soccer was attained by players of Victorian regional squads during the recent championships.

State coaches were pleased with the talent that was on display, making it more difficult to select the final 16 who will represent Victoria in the National Championships to be held in September.

Venues for the National Championships, Under 13 Darwin, Under 14 Mt Isa, Under 15 Perth.

Dates for all championships are September 6 to 12.

Final placings

UNDER 12s				
	P	F	A	Pts
Northern.....	6	17	9	10
Central.....	6	8	5	8
Eastern.....	6	10	8	7
Western.....	6	7	8	7
Geelong.....	6	7	10	5
Peninsula.....	6	6	7	3
St East.....	6	5	18	2
Under 13s				
	P	F	A	Pts
Eastern.....	6	18	0	10
Northern.....	6	19	4	9
West Wimmeria (Brimbank).....	6	12	8	9
Central.....	6	10	14	6
St East.....	6	8	8	5
Peninsula.....	6	9	18	4
Geelong.....	6	4	23	0
UNDER 14s				
	P	F	A	Pts
Northern.....	6	14	7	11
Eastern.....	6	10	5	9
Western.....	6	10	7	8
Central.....	6	13	7	7
St East.....	6	14	8	5
Peninsula.....	6	13	22	1
Geelong.....	6	3	18	1
UNDER 15s				
	P	F	A	Pts
Northern.....	5	16	5	9
Western.....	5	12	7	6
Central.....	5	12	7	6
Eastern.....	5	9	7	6
St East.....	5	2	12	2

UK scorers

Leading goalscorers in English league soccer after matches	
25	Steve Archibald (Tottenham).
21	John Wark (Ipswich)
20	Mick Robinson (Brighton), Justin Fashanu (Norwich).
19	Gareth Crooks (Tottenham), Paul Mariner (Ipswich).
18	Steve Moran (Southampton), Gary Shaw (Aston Villa), Frank Worthington (Birmingham).
DIVISION TWO	
27	David Cross (West Ham).
18	Paul Goddard (West Ham), Mick Harford (Newcastle), Brian Stein (Luton).
DIVISION THREE	
29	Tony Kellow (Exeter).
26	David Kemp (Plymouth).
23	Derek Hale (Charlton), Ronnie Moore (Rotherham).
DIVISION FOUR	
26	Robbie Cooke (Petersborough), Alan Cork (Wimbledon).
21	Alan Walsh (Darlington), Jim Lumby (Mansfield), Gordon Hobson (Lincoln).

Evans accomplishes Souths' mission

Leichhardt 1
St. Melbourne 1

Scorers: O'Connor (C), Evans (SM)
Venue - Lambert Park.
Crowd 4382. Conditions: perfect.

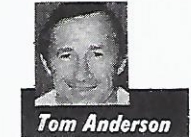
LEICHHARDT: Woodhouse 8, Skellern 7, McAusland, 6, Pullen 7, Wilson 8, Hughes 6, Giampaolo 6, Kafka 8, O'Connor 9, Morsello 8 (Soper 75th Laydon).

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumats 8, Bannon 7, Davidson 8, Lutton 6 (Christopoulos 65th), Rogers 8, Cummings 6, Bulovic 7, Stevenson 7, Shirra 8, Blair 8, Evans 8.

Referee - Peter Ramplay 8.

This was a hard, demanding struggle between two very ambitious teams with their eyes on PSL honours.

South Melbourne, the competition leader, came to Lambert Park with the view to taking at least a point back to Melbourne and it was "mission accomplished".



Tom Anderson

MATCH RATING: 8

Leichhardt was ultra-confident it could topple the Victorians but although failing in their mission can be quite pleased with their point.

But it must be said that when they led 1-0 midway through the second half, the Lambert Parkers had the chances to ram home their advantage but failed.

Also, the equaliser scored by Alan Evans in the 75th minute was a "soft affair" and Evans was completely unmarked at the far post when he received the ball from a corner on the left.

And when a fellow of the calibre of Evans is unmarked near goal it's curtains for the opposition.

This South Melbourne team is a good one with not many flaws in its make up.

Bertie Lutton was a bit shaky in the libero position and at times this gave the defence a "doggy look".

However this was rectified when George Christopoulos came on midway through the second half and a couple of positional changes were made.

But in midfield and up front Hellas look good and if they don't win the championship this year they will go mighty close.

competition and with a couple of changes — one in defence and one in midfield — will be a top-class team.

They gave as much as they got in this one and apart from that slip-up when Evans was unmarked to grab the equaliser, looked as if they would pocket both points.

The opening goal of the game came in the 56th minute when Phil O'Connor hit one on the right that rebounded off Bertie Lutton's shoulder into the net past a startled Laumats.

This shook the Victorians out of their rhythm for a while and Leichhardt had every opportunity to get another and put the result beyond any doubt.

But they failed and in the 75th minute Evans struck and the points were shared.

From then on neither team was prepared to take a chance and they obviously decided that half a loaf was better than none.

Injured Soccerroo squad member Billy Rogers seemed to come through the game OK and had his usual all-action performance.

For my money, players like Rogers are a coach's dream and unfortunately for the game there are not many of this type around.

Other Soccerroo squad members Alan Davidson and Greg Woodhouse had solid games and looked to be in good form.

However Sebastian Giampaolo struggled and under the watchful eye of national coach Rudi Gutendorf could have blown it for the clash with New Zealand in Auckland on Anzac

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Defence wins it for J.U.S.T., 'robbery', says Thomson

Footscray JUST 1 Sydney City 0.

Goal: Belic 67m.
Ground: Schindler Reserve, Footscray.
Crowd: about 1000.
Weather: Warm and windy.
Cautions: O'Reilly, Hazabent, Belic, Kakantonis.
Referee: Dennis Voutsinas (Vic).

FOOTSCRAY JUST: Boland 8, O'Reilly, Hazabent 6, Kyriakoulas 7, Kondarios 6, Milne 7, Jovanovic 6, Ilaski 6, Belic 7; (Petrov 70th); Kakantonis 6 (Cunovic 88th), Casella 7.

SYDNEY CITY: Clack 6, Souness 7, Spanos 6, O'Connor 6, (Gomez 50th), Bruce 6, Patikas 7, Muniz 6, (Cant 74th), Barnes 7; Watson 6, Boden 6, Kosma 7.

No one is his wildest dreams would have predicted this win from the picture of gloom that surrounded Footscray before the match.

The players were walking around with their heads down expecting the inevitable in the dressing rooms even before a ball was kicked in anger, coach Cedo Cirakovic tried to hide his disappointment when he found out Ken Boden was playing contrary to rumours that he wouldn't be available because of injury and the fans were conspicuous by their absence in accepting what was on paper a foregone conclusion.

In fact the match could have been all over after 15 minutes when Joe Watson headed home a cross by Steve O'Connor. A goal at that early stage would have blown up Footscray's defensive tactics and by opening



Dick Prendergast

MATCH RATING

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up City might have ended up with a record score.

But Watson's goal was disallowed apparently for offside — a decision which was hotly disputed in the match post-mortem.

Two minutes after the let-off Dennis Boland made a good save from Ian Souness who let fly from outside the area after receiving a short free kick from Agenor Muniz.

But for the rest of the half Sydney City found it hard to penetrate the five-man defence and the only real shots at goal came from dead ball situations.

Steve O'Connor had a free kick cut out and Dennis Boland stopped another shot from John Kosmina after a foul by O'Reilly and Jim Patikas.

O'Reilly was one of four players booked in a period of 15 minutes in which Footscray started to throw its weight around.

But the half-time whistle came without a score and slowly it began to dawn on the

home side that there might be hope in sight of at least a draw.

Ken Boden, shadowed throughout the match by Kyri Kyriakoulas, could have shattered those hopes with his only worthwhile move of the game, in the 54th minute.

He made ground down the centre through a series of passes with Muniz and rounded a defender to break clear with only the keeper to beat but allowed Boland to smother his shot.

Footscray came out of its shell after an hour's play, forcing two successive corners before Igor Hazabent started to move in the 67th minute which brought the match-winning goal.

The fullback overlapped on the left, pushed the ball through for Bruno Cozzella who raced past a defender to cut the ball back near the byline for the onrushing Vlatko Belic to run in and hammer home from outside the penalty area.

That gave the match an entertaining finish with Sydney City adding urgency and more men to their attack and at the same time giving Footscray the chance to exploit the counter attack.

Joe Watson made a great dash down the right wing and cut in to have a shot himself but after beating Boland found O'Reilly in the way to clear of the line.

But mainly the pressure came from high crosses and Boland was in superb touch in the air on the day.

Ironically the match finished with Footscray on the breakaway with substitute Chris Petrov coming out of defence to face only one Sydney City defender. Selfishly, however, Petrov elected



Vlatko Belic

to go it alone when Cozzella, running a few paces behind him, would have been clear through with only the keeper to beat.

Rather appropriately, Sydney City coach Eddie Thomson called it "daylight robbery" but also added that he hoped Footscray is relegated.

"You would have thought they were the away team the way they defended," he said. "It may sound like sour grapes but I think we would have run away with it if Joe Watson's goal had stood and I still can't understand the reason why it was disallowed."

Cedo Cirakovic gave his side credit for a very disciplined performance. "It wasn't that Sydney City played poorly, it was who didn't give them a chance to play."

As usual he stressed his side's limitations, saying that he doesn't have the players to attack sides like Sydney City.

"It was the first game after eight rounds in which I had my full defence. If I'd had them before we could've had another couple of points in the bag."

"I was especially pleased by the way Vlatko Belic stuck to Murray Barnes and he scored a great goal on top of that."



Heidelberg midfielder Theo Selemidis (left) rises above team mate Joe McGrory to glance a header toward the Canberra goal.

McGrory will do just fine thanks

Heidelberg 1 Canberra City 1

Scorer: Heidelberg — Taylor 58th, Canberra — John O'Shea 68th.
Ground: Olympic Park.
Weather: Warm.
Crowd: 3152.
Referee: E. Venios 6.
Booked: Walter Valeri, Canberra.

HEIDELBERG: Oliver 6; McMillan 7, Yzendoorn 8, Provan 6, Tansey 7; Selemidis 6; Taylor 6, Rooney 7; Boskalis 5 (McGrory 58th 5), Cole 6, Campbell 6.

CANBERRA: Wilson 7, M. O'Shea 7, Farrell 5 (Massa 64th 4), Cole 2, J. O'Shea 7, R. Stark 7, R. O'Shea 6, Byrne 6, Valeri 9, McLaren 7, Gibson 8.

If Dr. Jeckyll were alive and kicking he probably would have fitted nicely into the Heidelberg United team during the first half as Mr Hyde.

To say the Warriors had the horrors is to put it mildly.

They looked like a team bent on destruction and had it not been for a very doubtful decision by referee Venios in the third minute, that's probably what would have happened.

The incident started with a pass-back by Heidelberg skipper Jimmy Rooney to goalkeeper Jeff Oliver.

Unfortunately the ball didn't reach its proposed destination. Walter Valeri stepped in and slipped it past the stranded Oliver.

John Yzendoorn came thundering in to clear, but it looked as if he was too late... by at least a foot.

From my vantage point it looked like a goal and the Canberra players were too busy trying to retrieve the sit-

uation to put up much of a protest.

But had Canberra been given a goal then, there is no saying what would have happened.

Heidelberg struggled through the half with Ian Gibson causing all kinds of trouble and the class of Valeri standing out like a beacon.

Gibson hit the crossbar with a job which beat Oliver all ends up and later set up a chance for the cultured Valeri, who surprisingly headed past from a good position.

It was all Canberra with Rooney working hard to try to instill some form of order in the defence and not having much luck.

Only Yzendoorn showed any authority, while Jim Tansey looked leg weary.

In the first 45 minutes, Heidelberg rarely troubled the Canberra defence, where skipper Roy Stark, ably assisted by the O'Sheas, Mike and John, had everything under control.

The second half started off in similar vein with Gibson running, the Heidelberg defence ragged and Valeri finding enough space in the box to build a car park.

Then came the Rooney master stroke. After 56 frustrating minutes he brought Irishman Joe McGrory on as a replacement for Andy Bozika.

It wasn't a particularly popular move with the home fans, but it had the desired effect.

Heidelberg suddenly began to look more like its old self. More confident, more positive and infinitely more dangerous.

In fact only two minutes after McGrory's entrance Heidelberg took the lead.

McGrory challenged keeper Richard Wilson for a Rooney



Bob Brian

MATCH RATING

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cross. Both landed in the back of the net as the ball rebounded off the crossbar to Kenny Taylor standing on his own on the six-yard line.

It was a simple job for Taylor to head it into the unguarded net and give Heidelberg a lead it really didn't deserve at that point.

But with McGrory causing all kinds of problems to anyone trying to take the ball from him and Gary Cole finding reserves of energy, the Warriors began to put up quite a battle.

A lapse by the defence in the 68th minute let John O'Shea in to equalise with a powerful shot from all of 25 yards which screamed into the net giving Oliver no chance at all.

Just a few minutes before that, Canberra coach George Murray sent on the massive John Massa, but he was well held by Bobby Provan.

In the end Heidelberg could very well have taken full points from a game it looked like having no chance in.

Rooney's word on McGrory: "He may look awkward, but he'll do me."

Bennett wins duel



Bruce Waddell

MATCH RATING:

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Brisb. Lions 1 Brisb. City 0

Scorer: Millman 26th
Venue: Richlands.
Crowd — about 3500.
Referee: Ken Allen 7.
Cautions — Ratcliffe (BC).

BRISBANE LIONS — Scanlan 6, O'Connell 8, Hermonston 8, Bennett 8, Niven 8, Hogg 7, Lindsay 6, McLean 7 (McNaughton, 67th), Bryce (Farris 17th) Wright 6, Millman 6.

BRISBANE CITY — Coe 6, Perry 7, Dunne 8, Ratcliffe 7, Wilkinson 7, Gaffney 6, Pimblett 7, Hamilton 6, Low 6 (Kelso 45th, 6), Wilkinson 6, Conner 6.

Ron Millman's first goal of the season and young Danny Wright's first match in 1981 highlighted Lions' local derby win over Brisbane City, a thriller full of action.

Millman had been experiencing a goal drought before the 26th minute of this match, when he drove home from the edge of the box after accepting a headed pass from Steven Hogg.

Wright rejoined Lions after quitting the National Sports Institute in Canberra during the week, mainly because he had been dropped from the national youth team.

Wright, who was one of only 11 players remaining in Canberra, feels he will have more chance of fighting his way back by appearing regularly in the PSL.

City's main hope, Paul Wilkinson, had his toughest match of the season, due to the marking of Col Bennett.

The former Soccerero was outplayed a few times early by Wilkinson but as the match wore on he more than held his own to take the honours in a spirited confrontation.

Lions deserved to win primarily because they were far more committed, particularly up front. Millman, Wright and Bobby Ferris, who replaced the injured Lyle Bryce early, showed plenty of grit.

There was high drama with five minutes left after Ferris handed a Willie Conner cross, with the majority of City players claiming a penalty. But the linesman correctly

Polished City loses Jones

Blacktown 1 Adelaide City 5

Stadium: Gubbie.
Crowd: 2348.
Referee: Doug Rennie 5.
Yellow cards: Jones (7'), Perin (31'), Burrows (47').
Red cards: Jones (68').

GOALS: Blacktown: Cuk, Adelaide City: Mitchell 2, Russell, J. Nyshokhus, Northcote.

BLACKTOWN DEMONS: James 8, Wheatley 7, Pointer 6, Milovanovic 6, O'Donnell 8, Salvage 5, Hormazabal 5, Cufina 5, Wallace 5 (Milovanovic 53rd), Burrows 7, Cuk 7.

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 8, Russell 7, Perin 9, Jones 8, B. Nyshokhus 7, Dodds 8, March 7, Malta 7, Mitchell 8, J. Nyshokhus 8, Northcote 8.

The Demons have surprised, yet again.

With four minutes gone, the locals learned their first lesson. This Adelaide outfit is still the most polished footballing side in the league. With precision they swiftly moved the ball across the park to create an opening for Gary March whose shot was partly blocked by James.

David Mitchell was on hand to knock the ball in from only metres away to make it 1-0.

However in the 24th minute, Peter Marshall made his only mistake of the game allowing Peter Cuk to head in the equaliser. A long, probing ball by Wheatley was floating towards goal and Cuk went for it. Marshall came out, then stopped, allowing Cuk to lob the ball over him and into the net.



Roger Sherack

MATCH RATING:

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the 31st minute to create an opening for Northcote, whose shot was deflected into the net by Johnny Nyshokhus and City were in front once again.

Before I go on, let me recount an incident in the dying seconds of the game when Cuk scored a great goal from an O'Donnell cross. Cuk came from behind to race between two City players and beat Marshall with ease. The visitors did not claim offside, and in fact accepted it as a good goal, but it was Mr. Fowler this time who put the flag up and the goal was cancelled.

The result was 5-1 by then so it would have mattered little, but with both sides playing the offside trap to perfection, the few occasions that the players managed to get through must have stunned the referee and the linesman alike.

It was also peculiar to see Mr. Fowler completely ignore an incident in the middle of the park and just inside the City territory. Hormazabal and

other on the backside, holding hands, pulling each others shorts, patting on the heads. The only thing that was missing were the drums, boys!

Back to the game and the goals.

Milosevic replaced the tiring Wallace and Rasic opted for the four men up front in order to get the equaliser. But it backfired. As Blacktown stormed forward they left their defence too vulnerable for this skilful Ad. City side and within a short space of time the result was beyond doubt.

Bobby Russell got a lucky goal in the 38th. His shot was partly blocked by Cliff Pointer.

As Bruce James came out to collect the ball, Pointer decided to clear by hitting the ball out of the area. Russell was in the way and the ball rebounded off him and into the net.

Some six minutes later, Northcote made it 4-1 with a fine placement and the game was all but over. David Mitchell ran away after a long through ball from his defence to run around James and tap it in for No. 5.

David Jones had a fine game, and was most unfortunate to be sent off in the 68th minute. He received a yellow card for a deliberate hand ball in the first half and received yet another yellow card after a foul in the 88th minute. However, Blacktown players raced in to explain to Mr. Rennie that he had already booked

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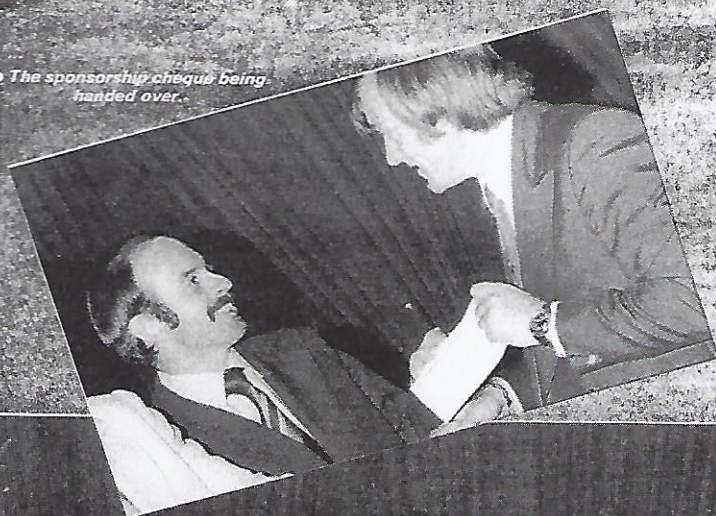
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'GARDENS' BACK RINGWOOD

The Dorset Gardens Hotel of the outer Melbourne suburb of Croydon, became official sponsor of Victorian Third Division club Ringwood United last week.

Mr. Bob Pritchard, manager of the Dorset Gardens, handed Ringwood United president Peter Crawley a sponsorship cheque for an undisclosed amount and pledged to do everything he could to help the club.

Also present was former VFA and VFL footballer Fred Cook of Puma, maker of the track suits which bear the slogan: "R.U.S.C., sponsored by Dorset Gardens Hotel."

RUSSC stands for Ringwood United Serbia Soccer Club. The Serbia tag was added because many former members of Carlton Serbia now are involved with Ringwood United.

One of them is former Footscray J.U.S.T. goalkeeper Jimmy Milisavljevic who was in the Australian squad for the World Cup finals in West Germany in 1974. He was coach of Carlton Serbia.

• LEFT: Mr. Bob Pritchard (left), manager of the Dorset Gardens Hotel in Croydon, shakes hands with Ringwood United coach Mike Sinclair, who played for Footscray United in the Philips League. In the centre is former Footscray and Port Melbourne footballer Fred Cook of Puma.



Super Soccerroos — bigger and better than ever

Countdown — 10 days till blast-off and everything on schedule and according to plan.

That's the latest from the nerve centre at the Soccerroos base in Maroubra this week. National coach Rudi Gutendorf and his players are hard at work and I can assure you all that the spirit and the atmosphere in the camp is terrific.

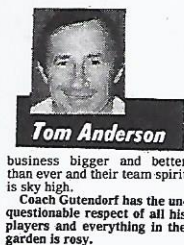
Any doubters on this score should take a look at the boys training and their doubts will soon be put to rest.

This is an Australian team like all Australian sporting

teams when they get together — determined and dedicated to do the best for their country and to win.

After the last world tour which I did not participate in, (thank heaven as it turned out), we were led to believe that the team was a shambles and that moral was gone beyond repair.

Well, all I can say is that whatever was supposed to happen, is all gone by the board and the Soccerroos are back in



Tom Anderson

business bigger and better than ever and their team spirit is sky high.

Coach Gutendorf has the unquestionable respect of all his players and everything in the garden is rosy.

There has been a great deal of writing and expounding on what the lineup will be to meet the Kiwis.

Opinions have been thrown around and many discussions have taken place.

Well, this is only natural and everyone is entitled to an opinion.

I am confident that Rudi Gutendorf has everything under control and on Anzac Day the formation he fields will be the correct one and the one to bring the desired result.

What a great many people seem to forget is that Gut-

endorf has more experience at international level throughout the world than any other coach in Australia.

Yet here he is, at times maligned and criticised by coaches that have not coached a team outside Australia.

Now is the time for all the petty jealousy and sniping at Rudi Gutendorf and his boys to end and for all Australia to get behind him and the Soccerroos.

As I wrote in earlier columns this year, the New Zealanders have their problems, but through some help from a number of their

"Australian Friends" they are trying to hide them.

However, they are failing miserably and another big problem has just come to light.

They have offered their players a \$1000 each for seven weeks world cup duty.

This is too ridiculous for words in professional football and all this stuff about playing for your country for nothing has no place in top professional sport — even the World Cup.

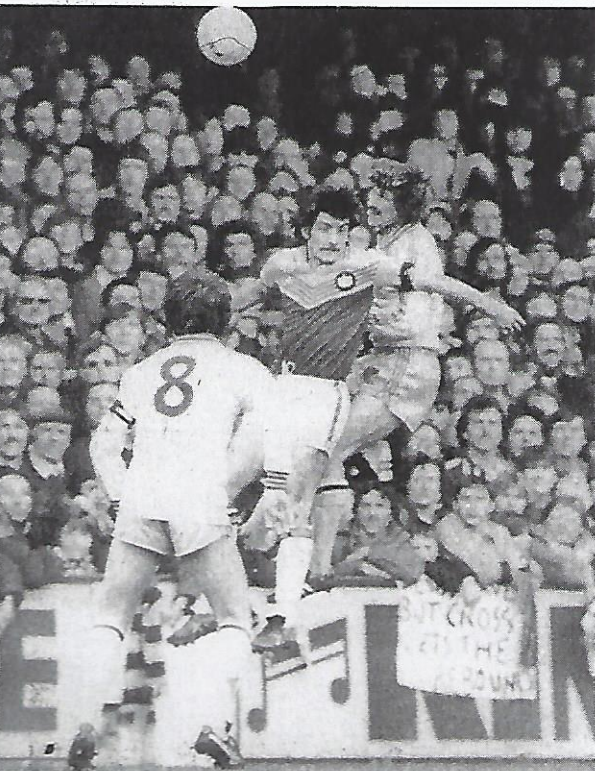
Anyway Wollongong's New Zealand striker Clive Camp-

bell has informed the New Zealand officials that he will not play or go on World Cup duty if the money is not at least doubled.

And, if Campbell gets the extra money, all the other NZ players will want it and it will be on for young and old.

The honest truth of the matter is, that the NZ/F.A. cannot afford to pay them any more so big trouble lies ahead.

I am sad (ha, ha, ha). Again I say that the New Zealanders are the most over-rated bunch ever and not only can the Soccerroos win but they will.



England youth star Paul Allen (centre) is sandwiched between two Aston Villa opponents in an F.A. Cup tie.

Paul Allen leads English youth assault down under

By PAUL MOON

After the Coca-Cola World Youth Championship draw, Australia seems assured of encountering a star who already has earned himself a niche in the history books.

Not only has West Ham United's Paul Allen gained more England youth international caps than any other player, he is also the youngest to appear in an FA Cup final.

Allen, a member of a redoubtable footballing family — uncle Les played for the Spurs "double" team of 1961, whilst cousin Clive has been the subject of transfers to the value of four million dollars — had already established himself as a member of the England youth team before signing professional forms for West Ham in August 1978.

A fast, aggressive and elusive midfielder he quickly claimed a place in the Hammers' first team and played a significant part in the club's F.A. Cup run culminating in the final against Arsenal.

At 17 years and 256 days, Allen became the youngest cup finalist.

Cechi, Debolo, Argentina's stars

Argentine youth stars Cechi and Debolo already have earned full international "caps", both appearing as substitutes in the recent 5-1 eclipse of Switzerland.

Georgios Espinola, scorer of two superb goals against New Zealand, formed a formidable striking partnership with Diego Maradona at Argentinos Juniors before the latter's transfer to Boca.

Hector Tapia also impressed against the New Zealanders with a superb exhibition of ball control.

Even if Argentina does not retain the championship in October, it certainly will be one of the most entertaining teams on display.

— PAUL MOON

having an 89 day advantage over the previous record holder Howard Kendall (Preston North End 1964).

He probably would have celebrated with a goal too, only to be thwarted by a last ditch "professional foul" by Willie Young as the West Ham number seven speedily descended upon the Arsenal goal late in the game. A

cup-winner's medal was ample compensation though.

Fifteen days later Allen received another winners' medal as he completed a memorable first season in professional soccer with the England team which won the UEFA International youth tournament in Leipzig, scoring during a scintillating 2-1 final triumph over Poland.

A second Wembley appearance opened the 1980-81 season, however this has less happy memories as West Ham was defeated by Liverpool in the FA Charity Shield.

Allen was injured shortly afterwards and upon recovery found difficulty in regaining his place in a West Ham side which was turning the Second Division into a one horse race.

Appearances this season have been spasmodic, however the youngster has been a patient occupier of the substitutes' bench, happy in the knowledge that countless first team games lie ahead of him.

His is still the first name that England youth team manager John Cartwright places on his team sheet however and in February of this year Allen earned his nineteenth youth cap, breaking the record of the immortal Bobby Moore.

Allen is sure to be a key figure in an England team determined to add the Coca Cola Championship to its European crown.

Worthington blasts NSW

The eventual standard of our soccer will stand or fall on the standard of our national coaching scheme.

I made this statement two weeks ago at the conclusion of an article outlining ways we could lift our soccer standards.

I subsequently interviewed the man charged with the success of the national coaching scheme, Eric Worthington.

Worthington has been under a lot of criticism from various sections of the media and the soccer fraternity generally who ask — what has he done, what is he now doing?

I suggested to our national director of coaching that he is keeping too low a profile for someone in such an important position and despite the strong backing he has from Sir Arthur George, he should let people know what he is about.

His reply was: "My job is not as a promotions man, my job is to lay down a structure to produce good coaches and players."

"It is a hard work thing, not an instant booster which so many people are looking for."

"It takes 15 years to make a player and longer to make a coach."

He said that apart from NSW, which was the "sick" arm of the national coaching scheme, the rest of the country was working to a well laid out plan.

Each State, apart from NSW, had a full time director of coaching.

ACT had Les Dee (English), Tasmania, Steve Darby (English), W. Aust. Ron Tindall (English), South Australia, Mike Wells (English), Queensland, Ron Smith (English), Victoria, Len McKendry (English) — McKendry recently vacated his director of coaching job though he is still State coach.



Mike Johnson

Jim Selby (Australian) in Bundaberg.

I pointed out that the overwhelming English representation in the national scheme had left him open to criticism.

"Mainly it is a problem of language," said Worthington. "Coaches from non-English speaking nations have applied for places within the coaching scheme."

Worthington was quite scathing of the divisions within the NSW coaching set up which he had been unable to resolve.

He said whereas in other States many of the top professional players were going through the coaching scheme, this was not happening in NSW.

When Eric Worthington arrived here in the mid 70's I was involved as staff coach for his first ever coaching course in Sydney.

Among those receiving tuition in my group were Kaz Kulak, Danny McKinnon, Rocco Ilic, Ilja Takac, Alan Boufke, Alan Ainslie, all professionals who subsequently went into the coaching ranks.

However, nowadays the professionals in NSW are apparently ignoring the coaching courses which are now attracting people of a low level of playing ability.

Eric Worthington said that while this was not the case elsewhere, there was still a lack of well performed Australians attending coaching courses throughout the country.

He said that 30 coaches attended a recent course held by Len McKendry in Melbourne

and only three of them were Australian.

At a recent seminar for referees, out of the 100 there only 10 were Australian.

The national coaching scheme involves not just coaches, but referees, fitness trainers, and even managers.

Eric Worthington pointed out, quite rightly, that almost all of the people involved in soccer did so on a part time basis and to get the dynamism into soccer development that some people talked about was very difficult.

On the other hand two recent events signify the need to keep "attacking" the problem rather than accept it.

A recent "Fitness for Soccer" seminar held by university fitness lecturer, Bob Withers of Adelaide attracted only 12 people.

A recent well publicised seminar at the Auburn Soccer club in Sydney attended by such 'heavies' as Joe Vlasitis, Rale Rasic, Eric Worthington, John Frank and Brian Emery attracted just 14 people.

Eric Worthington states that top coaches such as Frank Arok, Rale Rasic, Tom Docherty and the like are too committed in their clubs to spare the time to get involved in the coaching scheme.

During the winter months they are without time and in the summer, when most of the courses are run, they want to have a well earned rest.

Despite these and numerous other problems I do believe it is time to reappraise the national coaching plan, to give it a new zest, maybe take a slightly different track, get the best of the professionals involved in it.

Because, once again, I make the point that in the long term the standard reached by our soccer will depend completely on the standards reached by Australian developed coaches and players.

These standards will be set by the standard of the national coaching scheme.

Tasmania takes on Vic. youth

Tasmania will play the Victorian youth team as a curtain raiser to the May 20 World Cup clash between Australia and Indonesia at Olympic Park.

Vic Tuting, president of the Tasmanian Soccer Federation approached ASF vice-president and VSF chairman Michael Weinstein in the hope of arranging the match.

It was left to ASF secretary Brian Le Fevre to seek F.I.F.A. approval.

"The F.I.F.A. referee and inspector will decide on the night of the World Cup game whether the curtain raiser will go ahead," said Le Fevre.

"It's okay from our point of view but obviously if the wear and tear of a curtain raiser will affect the pitch prior to the main game then the curtain raiser will be called off."

It seems that the Tasmanians are so keen to play that they will take the chance that the pitch will pass inspection and their game will continue.

Weinstein will offer the Tasmanians an alternative venue should the curtain raiser be scrapped on the night of the all important World Cup game. Tasmanian coach Steve Derby has named a "state of origin" squad. All players have played most of their soccer in Tasmania.

The squad is: Steven and Philip Kannegeiser, Mark Oakes, Larry Nunn, captain (Rapid), Chris Hay, Willie Peters (Brighton), Derby Conlan (Launceston Juventus), Conrad Hughes, Moss O'Sullivan, Andy Scheib (Georgetown), Luchio Fabrizio (Hobart Juventus), Alister Payne (Glenorchy Croatia), Chris Gleeson (Devonport).

The probable Victorian youth squad is: Robert Kettenteiner (Mossfield Rangers), David Gilbert (Frankston), Chris Tsiras, Marcello Salvo, Tony Owen (South Melbourne Hellas), Dane Beranic, Ron Kremmers (Green Gully Ajax), John Mihalidis, Ignatius Amanatidis (Heidelberg), Con Opananinis (Preston Macedonia), Bruno Cozzello (Footscray J.U.S.T.), Vlado Bozinovski (Slavia), Fabio Incantalupo, Paul Romano (Juventus), Ian Roodhouse (Box Hill), Peter Constantinou (Moreland).

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CAMPBELL NEW BOSS AT MORELAND, VOJTEK PATTERSON CLASH

Archie Campbell has taken over as coach of First Division club Moreland.

Campbell replaces Sandy Henderson who resigned for family reasons and recommended Campbell for the post. "I watched Moreland last week and I'm confident that we can start getting results," said Campbell.

"I'm impressed with the committee and there are good young players in the club." Western Suburbs thumped Box Hill 6-2 last weekend.

After the game Suburbs coach Bill Vojtek and former "Soccer Action" columnist and Box Hill defender Kyle Patterson engaged in a war of words.

"If Western Suburbs finish higher than Box Hill in the league I'll carry Vojtek on my shoulders around Olympic Park before this year's Doherty Cup final," said Patterson.

Vojtek hit back immediately. "Kyle Patterson knows nothing about soccer," he said. "I can understand him being frustrated and angry after Box Hill's hopeless performance."

"Box Hill has as much chance of finishing close to us at the end of the season as I have of playing a game of soccer on the moon," Vojtek added.

FIRST DIVISION WESTERN SUBURBS 6, BOX HILL 2

WESTERN SUBURBS: Mitani, Kyriatidis, Dimovski, Katsenik, Glykopoulos, McCarthy, Segi, Kupisz, Klein, Vojtek, Theodoridis.

BOX HILL: Morgan, Roodhouse, Leckovic, Singleton, Ben, Brownie, Valentine, Macleod, Lawler, Taylor, Swinging.

Western Suburbs once again showed class in front of their supporters to run out easy winners over disappointing Box Hill.

Eddie Kupisz opened the scoring in the sixth minute and added a second five minutes later.

Mick Klein scored two fine goals and at half time Western Suburbs led 4-0.

Box Hill came out determined to do well and after a mix-up in the box between Daxi Kyriatidis and Alex Mitani, Ray Taylor scored.

Soon after that Taylor got his second and for a while Box Hill matched its classy opponents.

But West got going in midfield and another two goals were scored. George Theodoridis made it 5-2 then Kupisz completed his hat-trick.

In the end Western Suburbs ran out easy winners and Billy Vojtek must be confident that West will gain promotion.

POLONIA 1, PARK RANGERS 1

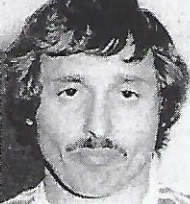
POLONIA: Dziatkowski, R. Lipinski, Jaworski, Herman (captain), 75th, G. Gamanski, Wallace, S. Klein, P. Czapiak, Sekulski, Krysiński, Lako.

PARK RANGERS: Basilieu, Williams, McCarty, Gibson, T. Campbell, Savage, Parsons, Stuart, Scott, Spaulding, Ogden.

Kew Park Rangers became the first side to take a point from Polonia when they held the home side to a 1-1 score.

Although Kew kicked off with the aid of a strong breeze it was Polonia which did all the attacking for most of the first half and in the 20th minute John Wallace beat the offside trap to pass the ball to Richard Sekulski who made no mistake from close range.

Early in the second half Polonia had many chances to go further ahead, the best chances were in the 50th minute when Ted Krysiński hit the cross bar with a rocket which Vasilios didn't see and in the 70th minute Wallace passed to Sekulski who, from a metre out, shot high and wide over the bar.



Bill Vojtek

Polonia paid dearly for its misses in the 95th minute when a free kick conceded by Gerrick went to McCarthy who beat two defenders and slotted the ball past Dziatkowski to give the visitors a well earned draw.

MORELAND 0, ALBION ROVERS 3

MORELAND: Trowsdale, Debi-Jah, McDonald, Cochran, Black, Oates, Lee, Hamill, Constantino, Medley, Doward, Lewis, Paoli, Ferrater.

ALBION: Johnson, Gert, Nisbet, Rolly, Scarlett, Stevens, D'Sylva, Smart, Piotrowski, Gilmour (Gillan), Spiteri.

SCORERS: D'Sylva 24, Piotrowski 45, Gillan 87.

Bad finishing cost Moreland the chance to stay in this game after Albion started to take control just before half time.

The Moreland defence held up well until a defence splitting ball from Kelly let D'Sylva in.

After the break a badly cleared ball snapped up by D'Sylva made way for Piotrowski to net number two.

Super-sub Gillan scored again, getting number three shortly before the end of the game.

Early arrivals watched Frank Munro in Albion colours for the first time. He helped Albion's young reserve side to a 1-0 victory.

AUSTRIA 1, RICHMOND 4

This game started with some fierce tackling, typical of a local derby.

Austria dominated the first half, with George Grbac in midfield who inspired Austria's youngsters.

The Latif brothers up front went close on a few occasions but were foiled with some fine goalkeeping from Joe Kiss.

In the 57th minute Grbac won the ball just outside the Richmond box and played a one-two with Toni Latif. He crossed to the far post for Ossie Latif to easily convert.

But Richmond counter attacked and it was R. Koenen who broke clear and was brought down on the edge of the box by Tom Brewerton. Alex Marshall converted the resulting penalty.

From that moment on Richmond dominated the play.

In the 70th minute Bruce Young crossed to Marshall on the far post who headed home.

In the 82nd minute Frank Peterson gave away an indirect free kick.

Once again Marshall converted to notch his hat-trick.

In the dying minutes of the match Young broke away on the left, beat two defenders and crossed to the far post to find Marshall again. He made no mistake from 10 metres.

SECOND DIVISION FAWKNER 3, MELBOURNE 2

SCORERS: Fawknar - Sebedini, Fragile, C. Sabidussi, Fawknar; Panas, Sebedini.

Polite, Gooney, Schipano, B. Sabidussi, C. Sabidussi, Sectors, Fragile, Mainland, Tatic.

THIRD DIVISION YALLOURN 1, PORT MELBOURNE 0

SCORER: Pavlovic 72.

YALLOURN: Plavins, Wilson, Douglas, A. Hiriart, Smith, Henderson, Browne, Pavlovic, G. Hiriart, Collings, Adrichem, Sulei, Brand, Nerrie, Duljas.

Both sides missed first half chances. Port went close in the second half and a finger tip save by Plavins kept the scoreline blank.

But a Pavlovic free kick from just outside the area escaped Port keeper Karamouzis's outstretched hands.

BEST: Collings, Smith, Douglas.

FOURTH DIVISION BRIGHTON 1, FERNTREE GULLY 1

SCORERS: Brighton - Young, Gully - Morgan.

Ferntree Gully struck first in the 17th minute through Morgan.

A combination of good goalkeeping and poor finishing denied Brighton until the 70th minute when Young pounced on a loose ball on the edge of the six yard area.

Three goal line clearance denied Brighton from taking both points.

PROVISIONAL FIRST DIVISION CAULFIELD 2, GREENSBOROUGH 0

SCORERS: Deszerenis 49, Sidropoulos pen. 53.

CAULFIELD: Talidia, Triantafillidis, P. Taitiridis, Giannou, Altis, Smith (K. Taitiridis 70th), Deszerenis, Matopoulos (Datsis 45th), Jordanou, Sidropoulos, Patropoulos.

BEST: P. Taitiridis, Triantafillidis, Dolos.

PROVISIONAL THIRD DIVISION REGENT 3, MORDIALLOC 1

SCORERS: Regent - Peretis 2, L. Sciola, Mordialloc - Godeani.

REGENT: Maramma, Ognosko, Pavlidis, Immi, M. Sciola, Cattelico, Dazavovski, Velickovic (Poullie 80th), L. Sciola, Peretis, Patalloco (Bazzano 60th).

MORDIALLOC: Drougas, Karavasilis, Fergadiotis, Godeani, (Gianakis 70th), Merikos, Lazzas, J. Antonios, Hartley, T. Antonios, Palmer (in), Zorovidis 60th, Garakis.

Against the run of play Mordialloc hit the front in the 35th minute.

Clifton Hill, Sandown set the pace

Clifton Hill YCW and Sandown Park Rangers are setting the pace in Division 1 of the Industrial League where only 3 goals were scored compared with 18 last week.

Bill Fergadiotis took a free kick awarded after Glen Palmer was obstructed inside the Regent area.

Fergadiotis tapped the ball square to John Godeani who unleashed a fierce shot which thundered inside the near upright giving Vince Maramma no chance.

But disaster struck for Mordialloc just before half time. God knows what Con Gerasis was thinking of when he attempted a 60 metre pass back to his keeper.

Luciano Sciola pounced and calmly lobbed the advancing Nick Drougas.

Regent wrapped up the game in the dying moments as the Mordialloc defence lost its discipline and organisation.

Angelo Peretis twice broke through with only Drougas to beat and made no mistake.

DISTRICT FIRST DIVISION MITCHAM 1, CENTRAL CITY 2

CENTRAL: P. Panteli, E. Aristodemov, P. Konstantinov, A. Miller, J. Alcinia, A. Evklidov, P. Philipp, A. Nicolov, T. Antonios, M. Fuanov, G. Zervides, G. Kannavas, J. Karavelis.

BEST: Andrew Nicolov, Phillip Alinari, Aristodemov, John Alcinia.

With two players out suspended, Central City maintained its surge to the top with a valuable 2-1 victory.

Mitcham scored first but City hit back within minutes.

Five minutes from half time Andrew Nicolov scored his second goal.

Sunshine snatched a last minute winner against Juventus in a terrible game at Gillon Oval last Sunday.

"I was very disappointed even though we won," said Shiners' coach Jim McIntyre.

"If I'd paid to watch the game I would have demanded my money back at the end," he added.

"Even though Juventus is a terrible side it played better than we did."

Juventus coach Joe Wilson wasn't impressed with Sunshine.

"Sunshine is worse than Altona," he said.

"I thought that we had most of the play but we just couldn't score."

Lou Sannipoli didn't turn up for training last week before the match and it appears likely that he'll sign with leading Second Division club Fawknar.

He didn't miss much and



Paul Wade

CROYDON 3 (Wade pen., Ian Loughnane, Brogan) FRANKSTON 1 (Egan)

CROYDON: Keogh 7 - Splink 7, McCombe 7, Pongho 7, Hobson 8 - Smith 6, Wade 7, Howarth 8 - P. Loughnane 6, Brogan 6, J. Loughnane 8.

FRANKSTON: Gilbert 8 - Thomas 7, Adams 6 (Campbell 70th), McCluskey 6, Gillespie 7 - Cooper 6, Stewart 8, Webb 5, Burroughs 5 (Pryde 70th) - Egan 8, Buchanan 6.

Frankston won a few battles but Croydon won the war last Sunday at Croydon Park.

Neither camp was impressed with referee Stuart Mellings.

Frankston committed seven fouls before Mellings booked Dave Brogan for a challenge on Dave Gilbert.

"We should have done to Charlie Egan what Frankston did to us all over the field."

Frankston official Les Smith also was outspoken.

"Out of the 33 it cost to get into the game I'd estimate that about \$2.99 was spent on being entertained by referee Mellings," he said.

Croydon scored from the spot in the 20th minute.

Bobby Adams took down Ian Loughnane just inside the area. Paul Wade scored by

both sides have to improve greatly if they are to climb up the league.

Sunshine looks much better pushed than Juventus. Financial problems curtail the amount Wilson can spend on new players while the Shiners imports, Norrie Pate, Paul Harvey and Rob Atkins are due here shortly.

For the record, young John Mudrinic broke the deadlock in the 89th minute.

Steve Ellis, having a commanding game at the back for

Referee is blasted, Croydon wins war



driving the ball high into the roof of the net.

But Bill Buchanan wasted two chances in the opening 20 minutes when he shot high and wide.

The Baysiders employed a man-to-man system in midfield.

Dave Cooper tagged Johnny Howarth, Rob Stewart stuck to Wade and David Webb marked Duncan Smith.

Croydon went two up in the 50th minute when Brogan crossed to the near post and Ian Loughnane flicked the ball home with a deftly placed side foot glance.

Frankston hit back through Egan who started a move almost on the half way line. He passed to John Pryde who played the ball back to Egan.

Egan to Buchanan to Egan ended with a hard low shot from the edge of the Croydon area which gave Sean Keogh no chance.

But two minutes later the Baysiders got caught too far forward.

Pete Loughnane set off into the Frankston area, rounded Dave Gilbert and set up Brogan for a simple but well executed goal.

Shiners, pushed forward as Pete Donaldson backed off, Ellis tapped the ball to Mudrinic who sealed Juve's fate with a right foot shot from 10 metres into the far corner of the Juve goal.

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DOVETON ROBBED

HAKOAH 2 (Jordanou pen, French) DOVETON 2 (Cherry, Thurlow)

HAKOAH: Fryzer 6 - Wilson 6, Dossin 7, Gadsby 7, Rooney 6 (Mallachen 55th), Davidson 6, French 8, Jordanou 6 - Webster 7, McClunie 6 (Wilson 75th), Nagy 5.

DOVETON: Ivanoff 7 - Thurlow 7, Merrick 7, Corke 7, McCannville 8 - Bentley 7, Wilcock 6 (Wassell 60th), Train 7 - Irvine 7, Cherry 8, Quin 7 (Campbell 80th).

Doveton should charge Hakoah with larceny after a point was stolen from the Doves at Middle Park last Sunday.

Doveton blew a two goal lead at half time and striker Steve Irvine must be kicking himself for not killing Hakoah's hopes in the second half when he twice was through with only Mike Fryzser to beat.

The one promising thing to come out of the Doves' game was the showing of English import Kim Wassell from Wolverhampton United.

Wassell came on in the second half and showed enough to suggest that he'll be a major acquisition.

Arthur Cherry opened the scoring in the 25th minute.

Alan Quin crossed to the edge of the area and Peter Thurlow headed skyward. The Doveton right back followed up and again won a header sending the ball to Cherry who had his back to goal. From 12 metres out he curled the ball then turned and volleyed a

Then Les Nagy crossed an inch perfect ball from Hakoah's left to Rich McClunie who completely mistimed his header at the far post.

Lou Ivanoff twice sent long kicks downfield which caught the Hakoah defence square.

Irvine ran through but missed and from his second chance Fryzser was down in a flash to parry wide at the near post.

Alex McCannville tried to clear in the 89th minute but the ball ricocheted off Stan Webster to Graham French who steadied then drilled the ball past the helpless Ivanoff to complete the scoreline.



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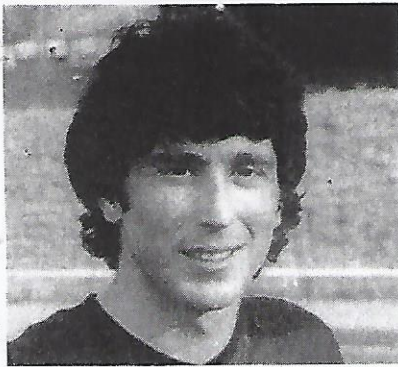
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Gus the great leads Ajax assault



Dragan Vasic

AJAX 3 (McLeod 2, Morrey) NORTHCOTE 1 (Nicolaidis)

AJAX: Denys 7 - Lewis 7, Cannell 7, Gardiner 8, Bennett 7 - Vassallo 7, Groves 7, Williams 6 - Wall 6, McLeod 9, Morrey 7.

NORTHCOTE: Tachidis 9 - Petrakos 6 (inj), Ignatidis 65th, Nelson 8, Kalitvelidze 8, Fakos 7 - Palasano 7, Kleris 6, Rujovic 6, Gatzos 5 - Sahinidis (inj), Tassatos 15th, 61, Nicolaidis 7.

A half time tongue lashing from Ajax coach Bobby McLachlan was followed by a second half onslaught

on the Northcote goal and three goals which sent Ajax to second spot in the State League.

Ajax's bustling striker Gus McLeod was the key to the Ajax assault, winning almost every ball in the air and putting the Northcote defence under extreme pressure.

"It wasn't for McLeod I think we could have beaten them", said Northcote coach Jim Kiaris.

The Northerners enjoyed the scoring in the 30th minute.

John Nicolaidis was set up by Spiro Tsitsos who had replaced the injured Saks Sahinidis in the 15th minute.

Nicolaidis dumfied to shoot, turned onto his right foot and slammed the ball into the far corner of goal from 15 metres.

Five minutes into the second half scores were levelled when McLeod's diving header from a Bill Morrey corner gave "Rocky" Tachiris no chance.

Morrey found himself in the clear near the edge of the Northcote six yard box in the 80th minute.

His job over the advancing Tachiris beat a group of players on the goal line and put Ajax in front.

Seven minutes later McLeod grabbed his second when Northcote was caught too far forward.

Rather than shoot from inside the area, Willie Vassallo set up Morrey. Like Vassallo, he was in a good shooting situation but he cleverly tapped the ball square to the incoming McLeod who blasted the ball home from close range.

Ajax's championship campaign is slowly gathering momentum.

Northcote should do well despite its defeat. J.U.S.F. striker Dragan Vasic was signed last Monday for \$3,000.

DOVES WILL FIGHT TO BITTER END



Victorian State League with CRAIG MACKENZIE

Doveton and Ajax clash in the State League game of the week at Waratah Reserve this Sunday.

The fiercely competitive Doves are sure to give Bobby McLachlan's foreign legion one hell of a fight before the vocal local supporters.

The game is Doveton's biggest test so far since entering State League ranks as the champion of First Division.

The Ampol Cup is a fair proving ground for newcomers but the league is the bread and butter stuff which makes or breaks a club trying to consolidate its new found State League status.

Doveton import Kim Wassell probably will be in the starting line-up. He came on as a substitute against Hakoah last week.

All eyes will be focussed upon the strikers at different ends of the ground.

Doveton's Steve Irvine and Ajax's Gus McLeod will have a big say in the outcome.

McLeod probably will be tagged by Paul Corke.

Corke, although thinly built, can mix it when the going gets rough. But it is in the air that he must be at his best.

Irvine comes up against Stuart Cannell.

Irvine won't beat Cannell in the air but the Doveton striker's fine ball skills pose problems for the Ajax stopper. And Irvine is an elusive player with the ability to find space up front.

I expect Ajax to sneak home after a gruelling 90 minute encounter. But one thing's for certain. The Doves will go down fighting.

Croydon should stay on top of the State League by beating Altona at Kim Reserve on Sunday.

I get paranoid tipping against Altona. I'm starting to think that some supernatural presence is out to destroy my credibility every time I select John Payne's side to lose.

I know that John enjoys me writing off his lads as it gives him another spur with which to goad his side into a supreme effort.

After all the gloomy predictions about Altona's State League future every game must seem like a cup final in which the underdogs must produce something special to get a result.

Full credit to Altona's spirit and endeavour but once again I'll tip it to lose. But keep plugging away lads and eventually you'll shut up people like me.

With apologies, I'm tipping Croatia and Northcote to knock off Sunshine and Juventus respectively.

And no doubt Ringwood or Frankston will win handsomely but I'm going for a draw.

I've gone for a draw between George Cross and Hakoah.

Hakoah isn't the most settled side in the league.

Stuart Blair has been loaned to South Australian club Azzuri. He has to move to Adelaide for business reasons.

Chris Kent appears before the VSF tribunal tonight (Wednesday) and Gerry Edmondson wants to leave.

George Cross lost both opening State League games and is desperate to get a result.

But the Cross may have to settle for a point to kick-off its 1981 campaign.

And for all those State League followers out there who keep asking me to select the opposition for a win I'll remind you that from my 12 selections over the opening two rounds I've been right on four occasions.

Then again, maybe I shouldn't have reminded you.

This weekend's games with likely winners in capitals:

Altona v CROYDON at Kim Reserve, Sunday 3 pm. Sunshine v CROATIA at Chaplin Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.

NORTHCOTE v Juventus at John Cain Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.

Doveton v AJAX at Waratah Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm. Ringwood v Frankston (draw) at Jubilee Park, Sunday, 3 pm.

George Cross v Hakoah (draw) at Chaplin Reserve, Saturday, 2.45 pm.

Billy Wilkinson blows it

RINGWOOD 1 (Mensink), GEORGE CROSS 0 RINGWOOD: Fearn 9

- Passman 7, Brooks 8, Luyten 8, Verniers 8 - O'Callaghan 8, Malt 7

(Mensink 50th), Anderson 7 (Mensink 50th), Greenner 6, Thom 5 (O'Riley 75th).

GEORGE CROSS: Gay 5

- Gambin 7, Wilkinson 8, Maitland 8, McKinlay 6 - Rigby 6, Bannon 9, Mizzi 4

(Bilusic h.t. Farmer 75th) - Flaherty 6, Morgan 6, Paparas 6.

Billy Wilkinson's poorly taken penalty attempt denied George Cross the chance to hit the front and five minutes later a miskicked cross from substitute Rick Mensink caught out Oliver Gay.

Ringwood had recorded its first win since returning to State League ranks.

"Players are urgently required at George Cross, particularly strikers," said new coach Jim Adam.

Adam was approached late last week to take over the reins at leading NSW State League club Sydney Croatia.

He approached the George Cross committee and told them of the offer but was assured that the verbal agreement struck between Adam and George Cross would be honoured.

Adam was keen to stop the deal between the Cross and Perth club Tricolore over striker Tony Cowan but his attempt proved fruitless.

Ringwood coach Mike de Bruyckere was pleased with his side's win but emphasised that there were areas for further improvement.

He also had plenty to say about the 75th minute penalty decision against his side.

"It wasn't a penalty. I'm sure of that," he said.

"Our left back Ron Verniers made a really good tackle and had done well to clear the ball."

ELLIS WINS

Every week "Soccer Action" will nominate a State League Player of the Week who wins a dinner for two at Leo's Restaurant, 55 Fitzroy Street, St Kilda.

The winner can pick up his ticket for a dinner for two at "Soccer Action", 603 Little Lonsdale Street. At Leo's the winner should ask for the manager, Carlo Gisonda.

This week's winner is Sunshine stopper STEVE ELLIS.



But de Bruyckere's worries were quickly put to rest. Wilkinson's penalty attempt was well saved by the diving Les Fearn.

In the 80th minute Ringwood struck its crucial blow.

Mensink's cross fooled Gay who stood as if transfixed on his line as the ball sailed into goal.

Five minutes later Mensink headed goalward, the ball rebounded off Gay's chest but the Ringwood sub miscued his second attempt and shot wide from four metres.

ALTONA'S 'IMPOSSIBLE' POINT

CROATIA 1 (Kerr), ALTONA 1 (Whyte)

CROATIA: Blasby 7 - Short 8, Kokoska 7, Bannon 8, Blavier 6 - Adams 7, Kerr 9, Tront 7 - Mitten 7 (Batinovic 72nd), Glider 7, Murphy 6.

ALTONA: Massoni 9 - P. Wilson 6 (Lewis 51st), K. Wilson 7, Kilpatrick 6, McGarrigle 6 - Wetters 7 (Oliva 74th), Innes 6, Pavlovic 6 - Murphy 7, Whyte 8, Gambin 7.

Altona defender Steve McGarrigle sank to the ground at the game's end with his hands raised to the heavens and Altona's youngsters achieved the "impossible" with their fierce commitment and effort combined with Croatia's poor finishing and a couple of brilliant saves from Dennis Masseni.

What a result!

I'm still trying to swallow enormous portions of humble pie. Remember last week's headline about Croatia set for the kill?

I must have been crazy to expect seven state players in a side which has won more trophies than any other Victorian team in the past five years to soundly thrash a side with so many youngsters and at least eight of last year's first team missing.

Altona opened the scoring in the 22nd minute.

A scramble in the Croatia goal-mouth ended when Ante Blavier miskicked twice and the ball fell to Billy Whyte. His half-brit shot rolled past Peter Blasby and in trying to clear Steve Kokoska struck the ball in off the inside of the upright.

Four minutes later a long ball put Whyte through. Blasby had charged out of the area but Whyte's head cleared the bar and Croatia had escaped further embarrassment.

Then Joe Tront put Carl Glider through into a one-on-one with Masseni. Glider tried to place his shot but Masseni reacted quickly.



dived to his left and tipped Glider's shot wide.

An Alan Kerr lob was saved on the line then Masseni pulled off an excellent one handed save from a Noel Mitten header.

TEAM OF THE WEEK

FEARN (R'wood)

SHORT (Croatia) **ELLIS (S'ins)** **GARDINER (Ajax)** **MC CONVILLE (D'ton)**

BANNON (G. Cross) **FRENCH (Hakoah)** **KERR (Croatia)**

EGAN (F'ton) **MCLEOD (Ajax)** **BROGAN (C'don)**

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Ametco Travel's State League Player of the Year will win a return trip to Spain, including tickets to World Cup Final games, travel to and from the grounds and partial accommodation costs. The total value of the Ametco Travel award is in excess of \$3,500.

This week's votes:

HAKOAH v DOVETON

3 - McConville (D)

2 - French (H)

1 - Cherry (D)

JOVENTUS v SUNSHINE

3 - Ellis (S)

2 - Vaccaro (J)

1 - Mudrinic (S)

CROATIA v ALTONA

3 - Kerr (C)

2 - Masseni (A)

1 - Short (C)

AJAX v NORTHCOTE

3 - McLeod (A)

2 - Tachiris (N)

1 - Gardiner (N)



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This week's picture has been submitted by BARRY SMITH of 76 Hewish Road, Croydon, Vic., 3136. It shows Frank Thompson (left) of Frankston and Chris Kent (right) of Hakoah in a Victorian Ampol Cup match.

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From left, standing: coach Alan Vast, David Jones (from Macclesfield, England, 1978), Bob Mountford (Stockport County, 1981), Arno Bertogna (Azzurri, WA, 1978), Phil Dando (Brisbane Lions, NZ, 1981), Buckley (Cambridge United, 1981), Steve Summer (Christchurch United, 1981), Paul Reaney (ex Leeds Utd., joined from Bradford City, 1980), Frank Campbell (trainer), Brett Storey (Edgworth Eagles, 1980), Roy Drinkwater (captain, from Brisbane Lions, 1978), Joe Senkalski (Sydney Olympic, 1979), Howard Tredinnick (from youth team, 1981), Malcolm McClelland (Adelmatown, 1979), Not pictured: Col Corran (Western Suburbs, 1978), Clint Gosling (Mt. Wellington, 1981), John Sneddon (West Wallsend 1978), Brett Cowburn (Toronto Awaba 1979), Grant Storey (Edgworth, 1981).

• In the second half of last season, Newcastle had the best record in the league, culminating in a victory against Singapore during an end-of-season trip. Newcastle has strengthened its squad this year through the acquisition of Steve Summer, Ian Buckley and Bob Mountford, but it lost Peter Tredinnick to Wellington and now Col Curran is out with a serious injury. Arno Bertogna and Malcolm McClelland have been the stars of the early rounds, and despite a major setback in being beaten soundly by South Melbourne, Newcastle still is within striking distance of the top.



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'Discrimination - we'd go to Al Grassby'

We point out that "Neos Cosmos", "Il Globo", "Novosti", "Hellenic Herald", "Athletic Echo", "Hrvatski List", "Nova Doba", and "La Fiamma" all are so bold as to refer to names like Hellas, J.U.S.T., Juventus, Alexander, Croatia, Azzurri, Makedonia and so on.

Will the PSL black-ban also these papers? They should be wary of foreign-language radio broadcasts as well.

We sought a few views from clubs. Here they are:—

Zika Nikolic (Footscray JUST): "The PSL in taking this action, is working against the promotion of the game. The PSL can do what it likes in trying to push soccer to outsiders, but it has no right to stop promoting it within the ethnic communities, in which the strength of the game lies."

"To be consistent, the PSL would have to take action against all sections of the ethnic press in Australia

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— and it would have to do so at a time when the Australian government is helping the ethnic communities through ethnic TV and radio networks.

"If the PSL gave a directive to stop 'Soccer Action' being sold at our ground, we would lodge a strong protest with the league and with Al Grassby on a point of discrimination."

Arthur Loustas (Heidelberg United): "I can see the PSL's motive in trying to have Australian club names used, but a newspaper is entitled to write what it likes and the fact is that soccer has mainly ethnic support."

"It does not make sense for the PSL to cross swords with any newspapers, for without Press support, we would be in trouble."

John Branov (Preston Makedonia): "I do not approve of prohibi-

tion. It invariably defeats its own purpose. Banning a paper gets you nowhere.

"I can understand the idea of trying to expand support for clubs across the boundaries of the ethnic population, but the danger there is that you could destroy what you already have. We can surely work on both levels. Names aren't that important. Ron Barassi and Alex Jesaulenko aren't considered foreign names, are they?"

"The drive against ethnic club names only confirms those names. Last year, when we were allowed to call ourselves Makedonia, the supporters chanted Preston, Preston. Now, when the PSL won't allow us to use Makedonia, that's exactly what the supporters choose to chant at games."

For the views of South Melbourne Hellas president Sam Pappasavas, see pages two and three.

NZ coach won't release PSL men

AUCKLAND, — New Zealand World Cup boss John Adshead has declined to release four of his players to Australian club sides over Easter.

"I can understand the requests," Adshead said "but this time I have to say no."

Wollongong wanted Brian Turner and Clive Campbell, Adelaide wanted Glen Dods and Newcastle had requested the services of New Zealand captain Steve Sumner for key Phillips League games.

However, Adshead's World Cup squad goes into camp on Friday mornings for its campaign to qualify for the 1982 finals in Spain.

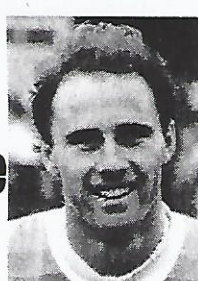
"On this occasion, our needs come first," Adshead said.

The "No club football" ban

will not apply locally, however, and a number of Adshead's players will be involved in New Zealand Rothmans League games over Easter.

The six squad players with Australian clubs — Canberra's Richard Wilson and Duncan Cole are the other two — are due in Auckland on Thursday.

They will be joined in "camp" by the rest of the squad on Friday morning. The full squad will then remain in camp until the end of the Oceania qualifying games on May 30. The first game, at home to Australia on April 25, is regarded as vital.



Duncan Cole: one of Canberra's New Zealand internationals.

Ground a problem for 'Cross

While the saga of Selwyn Park rages on, Victorian State League club George Cross continues to bolster its first team squad.

The latest signing is Hugh McCann, a 23-year-old attacking midfielder from Scottish club Kilsyth Rangers. McCann has had trials with Patrick Thistle, East Stirling and Stenhousemuir and has signed a two-year contract with a one-year option with the Cross.

Hot on McCann's heels could be Terry Kent whose brother Chris plays with Hakoah. Terry is about to turn 20 and has trialled with English First Division clubs West Bromwich Albion and Sunderland.

He has played with Fourth Division club Darlington and his signed contract is winging its way back to Australia. Ex-Maltese international George Faure has been training with the Cross for five weeks and hopes to have his clearance ratified soon.

The 33-year-old defensive midfielder played with Marsa in Malta.

Jim Adam has agreed verbally to take over as coach for a one year period.

However Adam has made his dissatisfaction with training facilities known. The squad will train three times weekly, only once at Juke Street in Broadmeadows.

Adam also will act as liaison officer with the media.

But the most pressing problem facing the Cross revolves around its use of Albion Rovers' ground, Selwyn Park.

George Cross president Alf Zahra received correspondence from the VSF and Sunshine council approving the move.

But the VSF fixtures committee has vetoed the necessary re-arrangement of fixtures.

Albion Rovers is prepared to help out and is trying to re-arrange the kick-off times for its juniors so that Cross can play its home games on Sunday at Selwyn Park.

Just over 800 paying customers attended Cross's christening of its new headquarters when it played against Frankston two weeks ago. — CRAIG MACKENZIE.

Labbozzetta slams Rudi and the Marconi stars

Teams with the most Socceroos are being ruined because of the commando-like training of national coach Rudi Gutendorf, Marconi president Tony Labbozzetta said this week.

He also blamed the general attitude of his players for Marconi's mediocre form in the league.

Marconi lost 0-2 to Sydney Olympic last Sunday, a result which made coach Raul Blanco's coaching job shakier than ever.

Labbozzetta admitted many of Marconi's members were calling for Blanco's head, but he added: "What can a coach do with players who just don't perform? This is not the type of performance you would expect from a team with six internationals."

"Blanco must get out the axe and chop off the dead wood," he added, "even if it means some of our players lose their place in the national team."

Labbozzetta called his three forwards — Peter Sharne, Eddie Krncevic

By LAURIE SCHWAB

The same can be said about Sydney City's Ken Boden and Heidelberg's Gary Cole.

"Gutendorf ran them into the ground in the training camp," Labbozzetta said. "He had them doing long runs on the beach every morning, then it was off to Barton Park for a couple of hours' training and in the evening they played not one, but two matches."

"Nowhere in the world do you expect players to play for their clubs on the weekend, after going through that kind of routine."

"Instead of working on fitness in training camps, Gutendorf should be worrying about team cohesion and tactics. The present situation is utterly ridiculous. It leaves the players ragged by the time of the weekend game — and it is club soccer that sustains these players, not national team involvement. Who pays the wages for these players and their families? The clubs do!"

Resuming his criticism of the out-of-form Marconi players, Labbozzetta said: "If they intend to show their best only in the national team, we'd be better off without them. I'd rather put in five or six players from the juniors and see a bit of gutsy effort, even if we do lose."

"We will not stand still. Someone has to get the chop somewhere along the line if this type of thing continues."

Marconi last week fined Eddie Krncevic and Peter Sharne \$100 each for staying out late the night before a match. However, Labbozzetta said stories about the two players carousing at a discotheque had been exaggerated. Krncevic, he said, took a friend to a disco and stayed only until about

11.16 pm, while Sharne was at a birthday party, where he stayed until about 11 pm to see the cutting of the cake.

Meanwhile, Marconi will be without Houssein Housseini against Heidelberg on Sunday. Housseini was sent off against Sydney Olympic.

But Joe Picioane, who has played only half a match since joining from Footscray, has recovered from a pulled muscle, moved into a house in Sydney and found a suitable job, and he will play on Sunday.

but apparently Brisbane Lions have failed in their bid to get Alan Sunderland from Arsenal and Bob Latchford of Everton.

Arsenal wouldn't let Sunderland go, and Everton advised against engaging Latchford because of a nagging leg injury, which has caused him to break down a few times in attempted comebacks with Everton's second-strings side.

Meanwhile, Adelaide City, I believe, continues its bid to get former Italian international Roberto Boninsegni for guest games.

For so long, Preston Makedonia was like a little mouse chasing the big cats, Footscray, Hellas and Heidelberg.

Tony Labbozzetta: "Rudi ran the players into the ground."



Marconi coach Raul Blanco: "He'll have to get out the axe."

'No' to Latchford, Preston tops

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Admittedly, Preston was very disorganised in its administration and it always relied heavily on one or two individuals putting their hands in their pockets to finance one stop-gap measure or another.

Now things are different. During our visit to Connor Reserve, I was fascinated by the club's beautiful social club building, and by all its other excellent facilities.

The social club in particular, puts the other three Melbourne PSL clubs to shame.

And Preston's playing staff will be strengthened this week by Alan Whittle, the former Everton star.

Preston deserves all the credit it gets. It is clubs like this that constitute the future of the game in Australia.

And a word about the hospitality as well — it was terrific, before and after the game, even at half time.

But while I'm talking about the match, let me tell you that the writer who commented in a Melbourne paper that Rale Rasac and Blacktown stood for boring, defensive soccer, was sitting very close to me near the touchline. In his printed remarks, he had rubbishised my team and had given it virtually no hope of success.

He must have changed his mind afterwards, be-

cause he wrote that my defence was among the most well-organised and tightly-disciplined he had seen.

I admired the youngster's ear-ring and his American army shirt, but I didn't think he displayed much professionalism in failing to front up to the Blacktown boys after he had been proved wrong.

We all wanted to see him afterwards. Where did he go so quickly?

Also on the subject of the match, referee Yelland came in for some criticism, but I must say that Yelland and his two linesmen displayed excellent understanding and in my opinion, they were the best team of officials I have seen so far this year.

MAZDA HELPS BUY MUNRO

Albion Rovers finally have a clearance for their coach, Frank Munro.

Werrisbee Mazda came to the aid of the club by providing the \$1500 Juventus wanted for Munro.

The former Wolverhampton Wanderers defender joined Rovers early this year in the hope of being player-coach but the club had trouble coming up with the transfer fee.

Munro, who came to Australia in 1978 to join South Melbourne Hellas, played in Rovers' reserves against Moreland last Saturday. — LAURIE SCHWAB.

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